# Townsend Harris. Consul General for Japan &c

| Date of Despatch | No. (For earlier letters see next page.) | Date of Receipt | |
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| 1855 | | | (Washington) |
| Sept. 21 | | | Transmits sketch of China sea. His plans. |
| " 24 | | | (New York) Further in relation to his plans |
| 1856 | | 1856 | |
| Jan.y | 1 - | 21 March | Has reached Pulo-Penang where he'll await the San Jacinto to proceed to Bankok - Appoints Mr. Heuskin Interpreter at $1500 &c &c |
| Feb. | 2. | 26 April | Still at P. Penang awaiting Steamer - French Gov.t about to negotiate with Siam. |
| March | 3 - | 13 May | Arrival of S. Jacinto at P.P. hence in his next to announce his arrival at Bankok & the result of his mission to Bankok |
| Jul. | 7. | 4. | 18 June Has arrived at Singapore - French Envoy expected shortly. |
| " | 8. | 12. | 17 Sept. Sends copy of letter to Collector of N. York respecting presents to Pres.t from the K.g of Siam. |
| " | 10. | 13. | " " Regrets his detention at H. Kong where he proceed to Japan by first opportunity |
| " | 2. | 5. | " " Arrival at Bankok - Letter to Min.r Hon. W. Mattoon invites him to act as Interpreter. Letter from Siam. Min.r to Hon. Marcy 30 May 1856. Audiences - Sends Treaty its provisions - clause of reciprocity explained - Rev. Stephen Mattoon, Missionary appd Consul for Siam - Audience of 1 & 2d. Kings Receipt for presents - List of those sent - Sends home his personal presents - |
| " | 4 | 6. | " " (Confidential) Explains certain points of his intercourse with Japan Gov.t in connection also with the English Mission, wh. he thinks should not be published. Explains why he took the title of Min. Plenipot.y |
| " | 5. | 7. | " " Exp. the great trade of Bankok &c - Immense resources of Siam, unknown to natives - Mr. King an American has ordered to S. Siam Empress &c. |
| " | 6. | 8. | " " Character of Mr. Mattoon our Consul, who will devote his self to their duties if confirmed by the Pres.t. Has salary of $2500 or $3000 be given him &c Recommends building a Consular mansion ($6000) & Salary of $2000. English & Portuguese have residence - Sends copy of Consuls Commission Letter to Min.r |
| " | 3 | 9. | " " (Hong Kong) Arrival in Japan - Send copy of Treaty between J. & the Dutch, rec.d from Sir Jno. Bowring - The Siam presents forwarded - |
| " | " | 10. | Accts. & vouchers with explanations - Explains large balance unexpended for presents - Mr. Heuskin Interpreter for Japan - Suggests that Salary shd. be paid him from 1 March, reasons for this - |
| " | " | 11. | 4 Oct. Sends duplicates of Nos. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9 & 10. |
| " | 9. | 14. | 1857 Intends to start soon for Hong Kong in San Jacinto. |
| " | 9. | 16. | 26 Jan.y Has opened subject of value put on Amer. coin, Gold being forwarded other subjects as instructed - Hopes in time to make Commer. Treaty. Harbor of Simoda insecure &c - |
| " | 3. | 15. | 2 Jan.y Arrival in Japan & reception. |
| " | 17 | 17 | 7 March Sends acc.t of expenses under head of cont. exps. in Siam asks to transfer S. cont. fund to Japan ditto & to fund for payment of Dutch interpreter in Japan. |

| Date | No. | Receipt. | From Townsend Harris, Consul Genl. for Japan — |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1856 | | 1857. | |
| 17 Nov. | 18. | 7 March. | Disbursemt. of contingent fund - balance on hand - Claim against Govt. late suspended till relative value of coins is settled - |
| 25 " | 19. | 9 " | Russian Corvette arrives with ratified Treaty of R. with J. of wh. he sends copy - Russians very friendly - Simoda a very unsafe harbor - |
| " " | 20. | " " | Increasing desire in Jap. to receive foreigners - The Hereditary Council (not the Emperor) rule - England determined to make a liberal treaty - his pro. Bowring |
| 10 Dec | 21. | 7 " | Russians protest agst. J. receiving their money at 1/3 value, have deposited a sum in Mr. H's hand to abide decision of currency question - Ratifications of R. Treaty exchanged - |
| 1855 | These despatches were originally filed in Consular Bureau now transferred - | | From S. Romeyn Brodhead) |
| 17 Mar. | | | (N. York) Declines appt. of Consul General to Japan — |
| 9 Augt. | | | (") Ackg. 3 despatches of 6 Augt. Several enclosures named in list wanting as to if all cont. charges are disallowed, & what is to be the amt. of his bond. |
| 14 " | | | Sends bond, & letter from Com. Perry - |
| 6 Sept. | | | Asks if under Treaty Mr. Fraser may reside at Hakodadi as a Ship Chandler. Though Consuls Commission requires him to reside at Simoda he hopes the letter to J. Govt. will remove the restriction - |
| 1857. | | 1858. | |
| 3 Jan | 1. | 5 Jan. | List of despatches recd. |
| " " | 2. | " " | Duplicates of despatches, 17. 18. 19. |
| " " | 3. | " " | Duplicate of 20. 21. |
| " " | 4. | " " | Sends accts. cont. expenses - |
| 1 April | 5. | " " | Accts. cont. expenses - |
| " " | 6. | 5 " | List of persons employed - |
| 18 June. | 7. | " " | Transmits Treaty, articles explained - Replies to despatch 4 Oct. 55 that art. 7 of our Treaty is identical with the Japanese version - No despatches recd. since 1855 - |
| 30 " | 8. | 29 Dec. 18 | Sends duplicate of Convention concluded with the Governors of Simoda, explained in his last. Embarrassed for want of communication with Dept. |
| 1 July. | 10. | 1 Jan | Accts, embarrassed by inability to negotiate bills in is forced to borrow from Japan |
| 27 Aug. | 11. | | (Duplicate) Sends duplicate of No 8 & enclosure. |
| 11 Sept. | 12. | 5 " | Sends duplicate of No. 11 - |
| 1 July. | 9. | " " | Accts for cont. exps - |
| 11 Sept. | 13. | 22 March. | Arrival of Portsmouth Sloop of War. No despatches recd. for 2 years - Refers to his No. 20 - Conversations about Com. Treaty - Sends copy of his letter to Minr. 8 Jan. & direct answer to his former note - also letter from Governors of Simoda this upon discussions about his reception & delivery of the Presidents letter - Every hour it yields at last, will proceed as soon as possible to Yeddo to negotiate & a fleet wd. aid greatly Hopes his course will be approved - will study economy - Kind treatment &c — |
| 1 Oct. | 14. | 1 Dec. | Acct. of Contingent expenses - |
| 2 " | 15. | 30 Nov. | Duplicates of Nos. 7 & 13. |
| 20 " | 16. | 30 Nov. | Ackg. Circular that Genl. Cass is Secty. State — |
| " " | 17. | " " | Ackg. Commission as Consul Genl. |
| " " | 18. | 1 Dec. | With forms and new bond required — |

| Date. | No. | Receipt. | From J. Harris, Consul Genl. for Japan. |
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| 1857 | | 1858 | |
| Oct. | 19. | 30 Nov. | ackg. documents. |
| " | 20. | " " | Accts, fees & salary, duplicate of No. 10 |
| " | 21. | " " | Duplicate No. 17 - Siamese accts, presents & contingencies - |
| " | 22. | " " | Accts of Interpreter &c |
| " | 23. | " " | asks allowance for office rent. |
| " | 24. | " " | asks confirmation of Mr. Heusken to administer oaths under the law - or instructions. |
| Nov. | 25. | " " | Sends copies of Dutch & Russian treaties with Japan. |
| Dec. | 26. | " " | Voyage to Yedo & delivery of Pres.t Letter Presents of silk |
| " | 27. | " " | List of dispatches sent in 1857. |
| 1858 | | | |
| Jan.y | 1. | " " | List of persons employed. |
| " | 2. | " " | Accts. contingent expenses to close of 1857. |
| " | 3. | " " | Accts. Interpreter to close of 1857. |
| " | 4. | " " | Orderly arrivals & departures. |
| " | 5. | " " | Reports no fees to close of year. |
| March | 6. | " " | Negotiations at Yedo for Commercial treaty. |
| April | 7. | " " | Contingent expenses to March 31 - |
| " | 8. | " " | Accts. Interpreter to — do - |
| " | 9. | " " | No arrivals - no departures - |
| " | 10. | " " | No fees recd - |
| June | 11. | " " | Accts fees & salary to close of 1856 - |
| " | 12. | " " | Accts fees & salary 1 quarter 1857. |
| " | 13. | " " | do — " " 2 " " |
| " | 14. | " " | do " " 3 " " |
| July | 15. | " " | " Cont. Exps. 2 " — 1858. |
| " | 16. | " " | " Interpreter " " 1858. |
| " | 17. | " " | No arrivals & departures 2 qr. " |
| " | 18. | " " | Reports no fees — " " " |
| " | 19. | " " | Second visit to Yedo - treaty postponed - Letter from Tycoon to Pres.t |
| " | 20 | " " | Arrival of Mississippi & Powhatan - Voyage in latter to Kanagawa - Signing of the Treaty - Possible publication of it in U.S. |
| Aug. | 21. | " " | Interpreters fund exhausted - has drawn - asks instructions re |
| July. | 22. | " " | Liquidation of Reed & Dougherty's notes - |
| Sept. | 29. | 25 April 1859 | (Duplicate) Japan Govt. ask a vessel to bear their Envoy & Suite with Treaty to Panama Has applied to Comm. Tattnall, sends the letters - Expenses incurred - |
| Aug. | 27. | " " | (no) Has sent Bearer with Treaty & Explains articles &c - |
| Dec. | 41. | " " | Sends duplicate of No. 27. 29 enclosures - Treaties of other Powers - |
| Augt. | 23. | 18 May | (duplicate) Sends P. Tattnall with despatches, see list, compensation fixed - will send explanations of Treaty soon - |
| " | 24. | " " | Sends duplicate of Japan Treaty &c of his No. 23 by M. Tattnall - |
| " | 25. | " " | Refers to No. 22, & sends duplicate docs. in case of Reed & Dougherty - |
| " | 26. | " " | Ackg. box of books, list of contents - |
| Sept. | 28. | " " | arrival of Russian Min.r - will send copy of the R. Treaty, identical with ours - arrival of Lord Elgin, copy of his letter enclosed, will send English Treaty, identical, with ours, except that cotton woollen goods pay 5 instead of 20 per cent - Change of |

| Date - 1858. | No. | Receipt 1859. | From T. Harris, Consul Genl. — Japan — |
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| | | | Ministers - cause - Death of the Tycoon - |
| 6. Sept. | 29. | 18 May. | About conveyances for Jap. ambassador to Washn. enclosures - |
| 11 " | 30. | " " | About Russian, Dutch & Eng. Treaties copies of wh. he sends - |
| 20 " | 31. | " " | Death of Tycoon announced - |
| " " | 32. | " " | arrival of French Minr. Pleasant intercourse with him & the rest - |
| 30 " | 33. | " " | Sends trade regulations for Japan to take effect 1 July, 1859. |
| " " | 34. | " " | Accts. for fees Salary to close of 1857 - Has drawn on Dept |
| " " | 35. | " " | Accts. fees Salary to 31 March 58 - Has drawn on Dept - |
| " " | 36. | " " | do. do to June 30. - Has drawn on |
| " " | 37. | " " | " contng. expenses to 30 Sept. 58 - balance on hand - |
| " " | 38. | " " | " Interpreter - balance - |
| " " | 39. | " " | No arrivals, no departures to date - |
| " " | 40 | " " | no fees to date - |
| 31 Dec. | 41 | " " | Duplicates - Treaties with other Powers - |
| " " | 42. | " " | Sends dupt. of No. 41. |
| " " | 43. | " " | Accts cont. expenses to end of 1858 - |
| " " | 44. | " " | " Interpreter to end of year - |
| " " | 45. | " " | arrivals & departures of Am. vessels to date - |
| " " | 46. | " " | Returns of fees to date - |
| " " | 47. | " " | Accts fees Salary to Sept. 30. 1858 - Has drawn on |
| " " | 48. | " " | do do to end of year - Has drawn - |
| " " | 49. | " " | List of employés of Consulate - |
| " " | 50. | " " | Despatches recd. in 1858. |
| 1859 | | | |
| 1 Jany. | 1. | " " | About the presents for Siam given to Japan - |
| 4 " | 2. | " " | Presents from the Tycoon sent to U. States |
| " " | 3. | " " | Explains his sending articles as presents for friends - Pistols left by Com m. Perry his disposal of them |
| 8 " | 4. | " " | Refers to No. 23, Young Tattnall, leaves, set on shore at Ceylon, for bad conduct |
| 18 " | 5. | " " | Ackg. Circulars, with blank forms - |
| 29 " | 6 | " " | Proposal to defer by a new Convention the time of exchange of ratifs. of Treaty |
| 15 Feb. | 7. | " " | Corresp. with Com. Tattnall - departure of J. Embassy postponed - |
| 22 " | 8. | " " | Brit. Govt. send ship to endeavor to get an Embassy sent to England - jealousy about U. States |
| 31 March | 18. | 28 June. | Report of arrivals & departures &c |
| " " | 19. | " " | Quarterly contingent accts. |
| " " | 20. | " " | " Interpreters accts - |
| 22 " | 9. | 27 July. | Sends duplicates of Nos 1. 2. 3. 5. 6. 7. 8. - |
| " " | 10. | " " | Send copy of Treaty between France & Japan, like ours. |
| " " | 11. | " " | Ackg. No. 8 with printed copies of our Treaty 17 June 1857. |
| " " | 12. | " " | asks his despatches to be directed care of Messrs. Russell Co. Hongkong - |
| 23 " | 13. | " " | (Duplicate) arrival of the Mississippi. Informed Dept. in No. 6. the J. Govt. wished to hasten departure of Embassy - Sends copy of his note tendering the Mississippi to convey the Embassy to U. S. Sends Convention relating to postponement of Embassy by wh. it is to leave Yedo 22 Feb. 1860 - |

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| 1859. | | 1859. | |
| 4 March | 14. | 27 July – | Has selected Kanagawa as the spot for building for Am. citizens to reside, reasons for this – Japanese objections, who suggest Yokuhama, their reasons – Question not to be decided till July next – |
| " | 15. | " " | Encloses letter as King Capt. Nicholson to give him passage to Nagasaki in the Mississippi – |
| " | 16. | " " | Sends duplicate of No. 13 & the convention &c |
| 6 Apl. | 21. | 3 Aug. | States of his health, hopes Dept. will approve a voyage to China on acct. of it – |
| May | 22. | " " | – Arrival at Shanghae – Has announced terms of treaty of Yedo, as he sees it is ratified at home – |
| May. | 24 | 1 Sept Shanghae 21 May. | Ack. No. 9 announcing Treaty had been ratified & approving his course |
| " | 25. | " " | (") Ack. no. 1 announcing his appointment as Min. Res. – his thanks – |
| June | 26. | 6 June. | (") ack. no 2. Charges agt E. E. Rice, Commercial Agent at Hakodadi – |
| " | 27. | 8 " " | (") Calls attention again to the necessity of extending act 11 Aug. 1848 to Japan – asks instructions as to his course – |
| " | 28. | " " | (") Will return to Japan in the Mississippi – Reports change of Ministry in Japan |
| 1 Mar. | 17. | 28 June. | Sends Return of fees to 31 March |
| 1 Apl. | 20. | 3 Aug. | Visits Nagasaki & appoints Mr. Walsh, acty Consul – |
| 1 June | 29. | 19 Oct. | Arrival at Nagasaki – Value of our Treaty, as to coals &c – |
| " | 30 | " " | Reasons for residing a Yedo. Appoints Mr. Dorr Acty Consul at Kanagawa. |
| July | 31. | " " | Americans refused residence at Kanagawa – Coin altered in value & great injury to Commerce, & profit to Japanese, will oppose the change. Heusken an Dutch Interpreter leaves without notice, suspicious – will try & supply his place – |
| " | 32. | " " | Arrival at Yedo – Kindness of Capt. Nicholson of the Mississippi – Brit. Consul Genl. gives aid of his Dutch Interpreter, Mr. Lowder – |
| " | 33. | 3 Dec. | Sends inventory things transferred from Consulate at Simoda to that of Kanagawa & to Legation |
| " | 34. | " " | The reduced coin referred to in No. 31 restored to its value under the Treaty – Interview with Minister about quarter to be occupied at Kanagawa. |
| Aug. | 35. | " " | Acct. for fees Halsey, has drawn for $967.40. |
| " | 36. | " " | Acct. of cont. expenses for 2d qr. of 1859 |
| " | 37. | " " | Ack. dispatch 5 May about Capt. of barque "Messenger Bird" – |
| " | 38. | " " | Nee-e-gata, to be opened under the Treaty, not a good harbor. Encloses letter to Capt Brooke of U. S. schooner Fenimore Cooper asking for a survey for some other harbor near – |
| " | 39. | " " | Mistake in numbering despatches – |
| " | 40. | " " | Interpreter, Mr. Heusken, has resumed his duties, explanations – his extra services for wh. he ought to be paid $1500 – Neither he nor any fit person can be had for less than $2500 – |
| " | 41 | " " | Explanation of the sum of gold left with Japanese by the firm of Reed & Dougherty in part payment of a debt due by them to J. Gow & |
| " | 42. | " " | Has refused passport to Mr. Collins to visit Yedo, because by Treaty all are excluded till Jan. 1862. As others will apply, he asks if he has done right – correspondence – |
| Sept. | 43. | " " | Russian fleet at Yedo to exchange ratifications of Treaty, assassination of Russian – alarm – War vessels needed for protection – |

| Receipt 1859. | No. | Date - 1859. | From T. Harris - Yedo, Japan - Min.r Res.t - |
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| 3 Dec. | 44. | 3 Sept. | Interviews with Minister about currency question & places of residence |
| 19 " | 45. | 12 " | ack.g no. 4 explains his mode of making up accounts - |
| 1860 | | | |
| 4 Jan.y | 47. | 1 Oct. | Sends acct. & cont. expenses to 30 Sept. has drawn on Dep.t for balance $110.54. |
| " " | 46. | " " | Quarterly acct. salary, has drawn for balance $614.80 |
| 11 Feb. | 51. | 7 Nov. | Has presented his credence as Min. Res.t to the Tycoon - reception not so favorable as in 1857 - will make formal complaint - Explains nature of the many trivial complaints he is forced to make - |
| 7 April. | 48. | 10 Oct. | Receipt of acting Consul Dorr at Kanagawa for circulars, flag-staff &c |
| " " | 49. | 22 " | Passport to J. Bradford - |
| " " | 50. | 28 " | Has given notice that Hee-e-gata is unfit as a harbor, that another will be selected under the Treaty - |
| 21 March | 52. | 15 Nov. | ack.g no. 5, refers to his no. 29 of 1858, about Jap. Embassy, wh. will sail in Feb. for Aspinwall - sends list of persons - Tycoon's palace burnt - Evasion of Treaty stipulations by Japanese - |
| 25 April | 53. | 21 " | Sends copy of his No. 17 as enclosure |
| " " | 54. | 31 Dec. 1860 | List of despatches rec.d in 1859. |
| " " | 1. | 2 Jan.y | Account for Salary - has drawn on Dep.t for $725.34 |
| " " | 2. | " " | do. for cont. Expences - Balance - |
| " " | 3. | 12 " | Mr. Van Reed violates Treaty in regard to passports - his course in the matter |
| " " | 4. | 16 " | Refers to No. 52 on evasions of Treaty - Complains to Min.r & threatens war - reply, disclaimer, & promises - |
| " " | 5. | 1 Feb. | Refers to his No. 51 - Sends letter showing our relations are put on better footing |
| " " | 6. | 8 " | J. Embassy will embark next day on the Powhatan - New Ministry friendly |
| 14 May. | 7. | 14 " | Charges agst. U.S. officers for speculating & English & French Min.rs demand explanations of J. Gov.t - Departure of Embassy - |
| " " | 8. | 22 " | Mr. Alcock appd. Brit. E.E. & M.P. - Object in giving him a higher grade than that of Am. Min.r - |
| 21 June. | 9. | 27 " | Sends trial of C.H. Smith for Killing a Japanese - |
| 28 July | 10. | 10 March. | Refers to his No. 43, murder of foreigners, alarm, endorses &c - Prince of Mito - |
| " | | | |
| " " | 11. | 31 " | Death of Regent of Japan - rebellion - |
| " " | 12. | 2 April. | Acct. for Salary, drawn on Dep.t |
| " " | 13. | " " | Acct. cont. Expenses - |
| 16 Nov. | 15. | 21 " | Internal state of J. |
| " " | 16. | 15 May. | Belgium & Switz.d propose Treaties refused - |
| " " | 17. | 7 June. | Prussian Embassy will probably be likewise refused - ack.g No. 7. |
| " " | 18 | 14 " | Correspondence with Consul Walsh at Hakodadi about Am. vessels under foreign flags - asks instructions - Has not laws of U.S. |
| " " | 19 | 2 July. | Accts & Vouchers - has drawn on Dept. |
| " " | 20 | " " | Acct. contingent expenses - |
| " " | 21 | 5 " | Jap. Steamer Candinamarca returns delighted at her reception in U.S. |

# From T. Harris - Yedo. Japan -

| Recp. | | Date. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1860 | | 1860. | |
| 6 Nov. | 22. | 11 July. | On trade under the Treaty. |
| " " | 23. | 16 " | Ceremonial for his next audience with Tycoon explained - enclosures - |
| 24 " | 24. | 24 " | Consul at Kanagawa has rec^d. 11th. vol. Statutes at large - his letter - |
| 26 " | 25. | 27 " | Correspondence with our naval officers about selecting a harbor in place of Nee-e-gata - |
| | 26. | 1 Aug. | Reasons why it will be dangerous to open Yedo to trade under the Treaty - |
| 30 " | 27. | 2 " | Duchesne appt. French Chargé - |
| " | 28. | 4 " | Portugal forms Treaty with Japan - |
| " | 29. | 6 " | Ack^g. no. 9. approving his conduct - Treatment of J. Embassy in U.S. will do good - |
| " | 30. | " " | Asks for books & Stationery, of wh. he sends a list - |
| " | 31. | 16 " | Ack^g. no. 10, announcing reception of the Japanese - Audience - Export of silk - |
| 15th Dec. | 32. | 21 " | What passed at the audience - |
| " | 33. | 29 " | Tycoons thanks for reception of Embassy - |
| " | 34. | 1 Sept. | Ack^g. no 11 & Pres^t. letter, the delivery of wh. they wish deferred till new palace is built - |
| " | 35 | 14 " | Will obey instruction about payment of Heuskeu's salary - |
| " | 36. | 21 " | Accts & vouchers, for extraordinary expenses diplom. intercourse |
| 28 " | 37. | 1 Oct. | Accts & vouchers - has drawn on Dep^t. |
| " " | 38. | " " | accts & vouchers &c |
| " " | 1. | " " | (Mr. Heuskeu. Interp^r.) Accts. & vouchers - has drawn on Dep^t. |
| 1861. | | | |
| 5 Jan. | 39. | 6 " | (Mr. Harris) - Refers to 34 - audience postponed - President's letter given to Ministers - |
| 2 Feb. | 40. | 5 Nov. | (") Ack^g. Circular 14, to carry into effect the Treaty - Suggests that the Marshal reside at Kanagawa. |
| " " | 41. | 7 " | (") Capt. Stribling furnishes a Steamer to convey him to certain ports - enclosures. |
| " " | 43. | 19 " | (") Ack^g. no. 12, has deliv^d. letter to Min^r. |
| " " | 44. | " " | (") ack^g. no. 13 - Presents accepted, but Lt. Wise's services declined - enclosures. |
| " " | 45. | " " | (") Tycoon declines visiting the Niagara - enclosures - |
| 12 " | | " " | (") ack^g. letter introducing Col. Ripley & Lt. Wise. |
| " " | | 26 " | (Mr. Portman) - Asks payment of $250, agreed on for his services on voyage as Interpreter - encloses Capt. McKean's voucher - |
| " " | 42. | 19 " | (Mr. Harris) Arrival of J. Embassy in the Niagara - Reception &c of officers - |
| 15 March | 46. | 22 " | (") Repels charge of trading in Jap. gold - |
| " " | 47. | 26 " | (") Refuses to deliver to Tycoon box of letters from Hostetter & Smith of Pittsburg. Consult^s. |
| " " | 48. | 7 Dec. | (") Has deliv^d. present from Pres^t. to Tycoon - |
| 1 April | 49 | 19 " | (") Transmits translation of a letter from Min^r. of Foreign affairs on the subject of U.S. Ships of war visiting the non-opened harbors of Japan |
| 1 " | 50 | 24 " | (") Encloses copy of treaty between Japan & Portugal |
| 1 " | 51 | 27 " | (") Transmits letter from Min^r. of For: Affs^s. ack^g. receipt of Presents from U.S. |
| 1 " | 52 | 31 " | (") List of employees of the Legation |
| 1 " | 53 | " " | (") List of despatches addressed by the Leg^n. to the Dep^t. during 1860. |

| FROM | RECEIVED. | NO. | DATED. | SUBJECT. |
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| H. C. J. Heusken | 1861, 2nd April | 1 | 1861. Jan. 1. | Quarterly account for salary. 1 Enclosure and 3 vouchers. |
| J. Harris | " 1st " | 1 | " " | " " " " " |
| " | " " " | 2 | " " 2 | " " for contingent expenses. 1 Enclosure and 1 voucher |
| " | " 11th May | 3 | " " 22 | Relating to the murder of Mr. Heusken, Interpreter of the Legation, with 1 enclosure.- Report of Surgeon Lucius in the case of the late Mr. Heusken. |
| " | " " | 4 | " " " | Relating to interview with Minister for Foreign Affairs, requiring the punishment of murderers. |
| " | " " | 5 | " " 23 | Relating to payment of salary to Interpreter of Legation. |
| " | " " | 6 | " " 26 | Relating to aid rendered the Prussian Envoy, Count d'Eulenberg, resulting in the success of his mission, a Treaty with Japan.- with 1 enclosure.- Copy and translation of a letter by Count d'Eulenberg, the Prussian Envoy, in acknowledgment of aid received, resulting in the success of his mission, a Treaty with Japan. |
| " | " 18th " | 7 | " Feb. 1 | Transmitting copy and translation of the treaty concluded between Prussia and Japan on the 24th January, 1861, with 1 enclosure.- Treaty between Prussia and Japan, signed 24th January, 1861. |
| " | " " " | 8 | " " 13 | Relating to the alarm of the English and French diplomatic Agents in Japan, their retirement from Yedo, and the difference of opinion in regard to the state of affairs;- with 3 enclosures:- No 1. Copy of a letter from Mr. Alcock, the British Minister, transmitting a compte rendu of Conferences held on the 19th and 21st of January by the Foreign Representatives then in Yedo on the political state of affairs in Japan;- No. 2.- Compte rendu of Conferences held on the 19th and 21st January by the diplomatic representatives of Foreign Powers then in Yedo, Japan.- No. 3.- Copy of Reply to letter from the British Minister of the 22nd of January, and opinion on the course pursued by the Foreign Representatives in Japan. |
| " | " " " | 9 | " " 20 | In relation to the wreck of the American Barque "Yinos" off Hakodadi, Japan, with 1 enclosure.- Report of Act'g U. S. Vice Commercial Agent at Hakodadi, Japan, in regard to wreck of American Barque "Yinos" off that port, with copies of 2 letters dated 12th & 21st of Jan, 61, respectively |
| " | " " " | 10 | " " 25 | Relating to correspondence with Mr. Alcock, the British Envoy in Japan;- with 2 enclosures;- No. 1, Reply of Mr. Alcock to letter of Mr. Harris, of the 2nd of February No. 2.- Reply of Mr. Harris to Mr. Alcock, the British Envoy.- Refutation of charges. |
| " | June 14 | 11 | " Mar. 6 | Return to Yedo of the British and French Ministers To what owing. 3 enclosures. No 1 Mr. Alcock to Mr. Harris, dated Feb. 23. No. 2 Mr. Alcock to Mr. Harris, |

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| Townsend Harris | 1861. June 14 | 11 | 1861. Mar. 6 | dated March 2. No 3. Mr. Harris to Mr. Alcock, dated March 4. |
| " | " " " | 12 | " " 7 | Transmitting account for salary, &c. |
| " | " " 28 | 13 | " " 13 | Acknowledging receipt of despatches Nos 14 & 14 of Aug. 23, & Nov 22, relating to translations of Bible into Japanese & payment of bill of distressed Japanese seamen in California. 1 enclosure— Copy of letter to Minister for Foreign Affairs relating to payment of Jap. Hospital bill &c., at San Francisco by State Dept. |
| " | " " " | 14 | " Apr. 1 | Account for salary. 1 Enclosure with 3 vouchers. |
| " | " " " | 15 | " " " | Account of contingent expenses 1 enclosure with 5 vouchers |
| " | " July 4 | 17 | " 8 | Transmitting copy of report on specimens of translations from the Bible in Japanese. 1 enclosure. |
| " | " " 22 | 18 | " " 25 | Relating to engagement of two Mineralogists for the Japanese Govt. 1 Enclosure - copy of letter to Mr. C. W. Brooks of San Francisco desiring him to engage two Mineralogists to enter into service of Japanese Government. |
| " | " " " | 19 | " May 4 | Relating to inability of the Government of Japan to enter into new Treaties for the present. Enclosures No 1 - Translation of letter from the Japanese Ministers for Foreign Affairs - No 2. Translation of Circular Note of Japanese Government. No. 3 Copy and translation of letter addressed to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Austria, &c. &c. |
| " | " " " | 20 | " " 8 | Transmitting letters from the Tycoon and the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Japan, with translations of the same. |
| " | " " 14 | 16 | " April 3 | Account of his delivery to the Tycoon of the letters of accredence of the Japanese Envoys. |
| " | " Oct. 5 | 21 | " June 7 | Relating to murder of Mr. Heusken. |
| " | " " " | 22 | " " 18 | The desire of the Japanese Govt to purchase 2 merchant vessels |
| " | " " " | 23 | " " 21 | The sums refunded by the Dept. to Mr. C. W. Brooks Actg Jap. Agent for expenses Jap. sailors of steamer Candenmaru |
| " | " " " | 24 | " July 1 | Account for salary. |
| " | " " " | 25 | " " " | Draft for Contingent Expenses |
| " | " " " | 26 | " " 2 | Instructions requested to postpone the opening of the City of Yedo as a place of residence for Foreign Legations |
| " | " " 12 | 27 | " " 5 | Intended Japanese Embassy to Europe. Instrumentality in negotiation of Prussian treaty. |
| " | " " " | 28 | " " 9 | Murderous attack on British Legation in Yedo Feeling of Japanese towards foreigners |
| " | " " " | 29 | " " 10 | Request to be recalled from Japan, and necessity for his giving up all public employment. |

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| send Harris | 1861. Dec. 18 | 30 | 1861. July 12 | Interview with the Ministers for Foreign Affairs in regard to attack on Br: Legation, &c. (1 Enclosure) |
| " | " " " | 31 | " " 15 | Correspondence with Mr de Witt, Netherlands Consul General, who declines to return to Yedo until further instructed by his Government. (2 Enclosures) |
| " | " " " | 32 | " " 31 | The British Minister's interview with Jap. Min: for F.A. A Conference with Br: Min: declined. (2 Enclosures) |
| " | " " " | 33 | " Aug. 2 | Enclosure - copy of despatch No. 29 requesting to be recalled as Minister Resident in Japan. |
| " | " " " | 34 | " " 20 | Correspondence with the French Chargé d'Affaires submitting questions as to the state of affairs in Japan. (3 Encl) |
| " | " " " | 35 | " Sept. 7 | Announcement by the French Chargé d'Affaires of his promotion to be Min: Plen: in Japan & reply to his communication. 2 Enclosures |
| " | " " " | 36 | " " 17 | Receipt of the Dept's No. 15. |
| " | " " " | 37 | " Oct. 1 | Quarterly account for salary. (1 Enclosure) |
| " | " " " | 38 | " " " | " " " contingent expenses (1 Enclosure) |
| " | 1862. Feb. 1 | 39 | " " 7 | Prolonged sojourn of a Russian war steamer at Tsusima, Japan, & its effect upon For: Relations (1 Enclosure) |
| " | " " " | 40 | " " 14 | Two more of the desperadoes who attacked the British Legation traced. (2 Enclosures) |
| " | " " " | 41 | " " 16 | Receipt of stationery. |
| " | " " " | 42 | " " 18 | Salary as Consul General. (1 Enclosure) |
| Albert H. Pruyn | 1861, Oct. 21 | | " " " | His acceptance of the mission to Japan. |
| Townsend Harris | 1862. Feb. 1 | 43 | " " 22 | Departure of the Russians from the Sd. of Tsusima (1 Enclosure) |
| " | " " 16 | 44 | " " 28 | Passport given to Mr Dorr, Consul at Kanagawa (1 Enclos) |
| " | " " " | 45 | " Nov. 7 | Expenses attending diplomatic intercourse in Japan (2 Enclos) |
| " | " " " | 46 | " " 15 | Receipt of Mr Portman's Comn as Interpreter (1 Enclos) |
| " | " " " | 47 | " " 16 | Mr. Dorr, Consul at Kanagawa. |
| " | " | 48 | " " 18 | Transm'g duplicate of despatch No 42, with verified copies of its enclosures. |
| " | " March 22 | 49 | " " 23 | Receipt of Nos 17 & 18. Satisfaction for the murder of Mr. Heuseken, in connection with concessions to Jap. Gov't. |
| " | " " " | 50 | " " 27 | $10,000 to be paid by the Jap. Govt for the benefit of the widowed mother of Mr. Heuseken. Search for his murderers to be continued. |
| " | " " " | 51 | " " 30 | Charges for translating official documents at the Consulate at Nagasaki. |
| " | " " " | 52 | " Dec 2 | Correspondence with the English, French & Dutch Representatives in relation to the asked for postponement of opening of cities & harbors in Japan (5 Enclosures) |
| " | " " " | 53 | " " 7 | Delivery of the President's reply to Tycoon's letter at audience of 6th Dec. 1861 |
| " | " " 12 | 54 | " " 13 | Transm'g acc. for expenses of diplomatic int. Draft for the amount. |

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| Townsend Harris | 1862. Mar. 22 | 55 | 1861, Dec. 20 | Proposed occupation of the Bonin Islands by the Japanese. (2 Enclosures) |
| " | " " " | 56 | " " 21 | Remittance of $10000 obtained from the Jap: Government for the benefit of the widowed mother of Mr Heusken. (2 Enclosures) |
| " | " " " | 57 | " " 27 | Receipt of Circular of Aug. 19. |
| " | " " " | 58 | " " 28 | Temporary absence of Mr Dorr from Kanagawa. |
| " | " " " | 59 | " " 30 | Provisional postponement of the opening of the City of Yedo. (6 Enclosures) |
| " | " " " | 60 | " " " | Passports granted to Messrs Angel & Wilson (2 enclos) |
| " | " " 27 | 61 | " " 31 | Quarterly acc't for salary (1 Enclosure) 80 vouchers |
| " | " " " | 62 | " " " | Cont. exp: " 6 " |
| " | " " " | 63 | " " " | List of employees of the Legation (1 Enclosure) |
| " | " " " | 64 | " " " | " despatches sent to Dept. during the year. (1 Enclos) |
| " | " " " | 1 | 1862 Jan: 1 | Passport to Geo: F. Hall. (1 Enclosure) |
| " | " " " | 2 | " " " | Non opening of Yedo. (3 Enclosures.) |
| " | " " " | 3 | " " 2 | The Bonin Islands (1 Enclosure. |
| " | " May 13 | 4 | " " 4 | Passport granted to G. H. Richards. (1 Enclosure.) |
| " | " " | 5 | " " 23 | Oath of allegiance of himself & Mr Portman. (2 Enclos. |
| Robert H. Pruyn | " March 22 | 1 | " Feb: 7 | (San Francisco) Offer made to him of a passage to Japan in a Russian corvette. (1 Enclosure) |
| " | " " " | 2 | " " 17 | (San Francisco) His arrival at San Francisco, death of his son & detention at that place. |
| Townsend Harris | " June 25 | 6 | " " 18 | Nos. 20 to 25 inclusive from Department received. |
| " | " " " | 7 | " " 20 | The ports of Hiogo, Osacca & Nee-e-gata. (Enclosures) |
| " | " " " | 8 | " " 22 | Copy & translation of letters received from the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Italy & Spain. (Enclosures) |
| " | " " " | 9 | " March 6 | The Japanese Ministers for Foreign Affairs wounded in murderous attack made upon him on the 13th of February last. |
| " | " " " | 10 | " " 29 | Rec't of No 25. of Nov. 19, with Letter of Recall. |
| " | " July 12 | 11 | " April 1 | Salary acc't for 1st Quarter of 1862. |
| " | " " | 12 | " " " | Acc't for Contingent Expenses. |
| " | " " 29 | 13 | " " 16 | Passport for Richard J. Walsh. |
| " | " " " | 14 | " " 17 | Exchange, at the Legation of the U. S. of the Ratifications of the Treaty between Portugal and Japan. (Endos. |
| " | " " " | 15 | " " 26 | Audience of Tycoon. Letters of Recall. |
| Robert H. Pruyn | " " " | 16 | " " 30 | His arrival at Yedo & entrance upon the discharge of duties |
| " | " " " | 17 | " May 1 | Acc't for salary while making transit to post. |
| " | " " " | 18 | " " 3 | Interview with the Ministers for Foreign Affairs. |
| Townsend Harris | " " " | " | " " 6 | Acc't for Contingent Fund. Returns to the U. S. |
| Robert H. Pruyn | " " 25 | 19 | " " 15 | Preparations for Audience of the Tycoon and the claims to privileges of the English & French Ministers. |
| " | " " " | 20 | " " 17 | Audience of the Tycoon for the purpose of delivering Letters of Credence. |

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| obert H. Pruyn | 1862. July 25 | 21 | 1862. May 24 | Translation of letter from the Japanese Ministers of Foreign Affairs to the Sec. of State of the United States. |
| " | " Sept. 24 | 22 | " " 26 | Change in the Ministry of For: Affairs in Yedo (Enclosure) |
| " | " " 11 | 23 | " June 9 | Instructions in despatch No. 7 of Feb. 5. carried out. |
| " | " " " | 24 | " " " | Cordial relations between the diplomatic representative of the U. S. and his colleagues in Japan (Enclosures) |
| " | " " " | " | " " 20 | |
| " | " " 24 | 25 | " " 21 | Instruction of Japanese in the English Language - Enclosures |
| " | " " " | 26 | " " 24 | New Commission required. |
| " | " " " | 27 | " " 28 | The occupation by the Russians of the Island of Tsu-sima - Enclosures. |
| " | " " " | 28 | " " " | Receipt of Instruction No: 8 & its disposal made of its enclosures. - Enclos. |
| " | " " " | 29 | " " 30 | Nos 9 & 10 recd. Mr. Harris & the late Mr. Heusken - Enclos. |
| " | " " " | 30 | " " " | Receipt of despatch No 11. |
| " | " " " | 31 | " " " | Another night attack on the British Legation in Yedo resulting in the death of 2 men - Enclosures. |
| " | " " " | 32 | " " " | Retirement of the Senior Min: of For: Affairs & the appointment in his place of a former incumbent. |
| " | " " " | 33 | " July 1 | Account for salary. |
| " | " " " | 34 | " " " | Account for Contingent Expenses. |
| " | " " " | 35 | " " 2 | Instruction, in speaking English, to Japanese officers at the Legation. |
| " | " " " | 36 | " " " | Articles used in the packing and preparing of Japanese teas - and duty on the same - 2 Enclosures |
| " | " " " | 37 | " " 8 | The attack on the British Legation. enclosure |
| " | " " " | 38 | " " 15 | Withdrawal of the British Legation from Yedo. |
| ommand Harris | " Oct: 11 | | " Oct 11 | His arrival at New York & intention to proceed to Washn. |
| " | " 14 | | " " 13 | Settlement of accounts. |
| " | " Nov: 7 | | " Nov 6 | do do |
| obert H. Pruyn | " " 30 | 39 | " Aug 15 | The occupation, by the Japanese Government, of the Ogasawara and Bonin Islands. (Enclosures) |
| " | " " " | 40 | " " 26 | Land offered by the Japanese Government for a Naval Depot. Proposed transfer to Kanagawa of the Naval Depot at Hong Kong or Shanghae (4 Enclosures) |
| " | " " " | 41 | " " 27 | Proposed postponement of the opening of ports & cities in Japan |
| " | " " " | 42 | " " " | Native and foreign guards for protection. The Island of Tsugima. |
| " | | 43 | " " 28 | The 3d Article of Com: Perry's Treaty. The Japanese Government will pay the expenses of 11 Japanese sailors returned and give a present to the rescuer. |
| " | " " " | 44 | " " 29 | Expediency of conferring judicial powers on Commercial Agent at Hakodate. |
| " | 1863. Jan: 30 | 45 | " Sept: 1 | The short sword recovered in Baltimore returned to the Japanese owner. (Enclosures) |
| " | " " " | 46 | " " " | Sealed despatch transmitted to Ministers & one received in reply. |

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| Robert H. Pruyn | 1863. Jan: 30 | 47 | 1862, Sept: 10. | Sentence and punishment. Recent attack at the British Legation. (Enclosures.) |
| " | " " " | 48 | " " 16 | Difficulties attending Foreign Relations in Japan. |
| " | " " " | 49 | " " 13 | Presents from the Japanese Govt. |
| " | 1862, Dec: 12 | 50 | " " 18 | Another attack by Japanese, resulting in the death of one Englishman & the wounding of 2 others. (Enclos) |
| " | 1863, Jan: 30 | 51 | " " 20 | The new Legation Building at Goten Gama, Yedo. |
| " | " " " | 52 | " " 27 | Presents from the Japanese Government to Captain Crowell, of the Victor. (Enclosures) |
| " | " " " | 53 | " Oct: 1 | Enclosed Quarterly Account. |
| " | " " " | 56 | " " 14 | Delay of the Japanese Govt. in issuing Mr. Fisher's Exequatur. (Enclosures) |
| " | " " " | 57 | " " 16 | Buildings for the Legation at Goten Gama &c. (Enclos.) |
| " | " " 12 | 58 | " " 29 | Three men-of-war for the Japanese Govt. (Enclosures) |
| " | " " 20 | 59 | " Nov: 20 | Interchange of civilities. Peaceful revolution & progress in Japan. Request that orders to Wyoming be modified |
| " | " " " | 60 | " " 21 | The Prussian steamer "Scotland" allowed to enter in advance of treaty stipulation. (Enclosure.) |
| " | " " " | 61 | " " 22 | Upland rice and grape vines forwarded to Patent Office per steamer Scotland to San Francisco to go via Panama in time for Spring sowing. |
| " | " March 7 | 63 | " Dec: 16 | Loss of the American barque "Chevalier" of New York, on the East Coast of Japan. (Enclosures.) |
| " | " March 7 | 64 | " " 31 | Account - Salary |
| " | " " " | 65 | " " " | " - of Interpreter to Legation |
| " | " " " | 66 | " " " | " - Contingent Expenses. |
| " | " " " | 67 | " " " | List of persons employed at the Legation. |
| " | " " " | 68 | " " " | List of despatches sent during the year 1862. |
| " | " April 13 | 1 | 1863. Jan: 10 | Alarm and anxiety among the foreigners in Yedo. |
| " | 1862. Dec: 24 | | 1862. Dec: 23 | Telegram from San Francisco desired discretionary power to control the movements of the Wyoming. |
| " | 1863. April 13 | 2 | 1863. Jan: 14 | Demands on the Japanese Govt. by the British Govt. for murders committed. |
| " | " " " | 3 | " " 20 | Exaggerated newspaper report of a murder. |
| " | " " " | 4 | " " 23 | Despatches received. |
| " | " " " | 5 | " " 24 | Amicable relations with Prussian representative in Japan. |
| " | " " | 6 | " " 26 | Order for arms for Japanese Government. |
| " | " " " | 7 | " " " | Preliminaries agreed upon for a new treaty with Japan |
| " | " " " | 8 | " " 27 | Despatches received. (Enclosed.) |

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| Robert H. Pruyn. | 1863, April 13 | 9 | 1863, Jan: 28 | Five volumes of the Natural History of the State of New York presented to the Tycoon. |
| Townsend Harris | " Feb: 3 | | Feb: 2 | (New York) Receipt of Royal Patent to the decoration granted to him by the King of Prussia. |
| Robert H. Pruyn | " May 28 | 10 | " " 16 | Goten Yama the British Legation buildings destroyed by fire. The Mikado's letter to the Tycoon. Unpopularity of the British & French. (3 Enclosures) |
| | | 11 | " March 12 | Despatches & Circulars received. |
| " | " June 12 | 12 | " " 12 | Passports issued. Certificate of Naturalization of A Schultz. |
| " | " " 12 | 13 | " April 1 | Transmits Quarterly Accts. |
| | " " 12 | 14 | " " 1 | Account for Contingent Expenses transmitted |
| " | " June 29 | 15 | " April 10 | British demands on Japan to be enforced by a fleet now there |
| " | " July 5 | 16 | " " 30 | Departure of the Taicoon for Kioto. His bank there. |
| " | " " " | 17 | " May 1 | Instructions No. 29 recd. |
| " | " " " | 18 | " " " | Other instructions arrived. |
| " | " " " | 19 | " " " | Ships of war for Japanese Govt. |
| " | " " " | 20 | " " 2 | Execution of new treaty postponed. |
| " | " " " | 21 | " " 3 | Extension of term for compliance with British demands. |
| " | " " " | 22 | " " " | The British demand. (8 Enclosures) |
| " | " " " | 23 | " " 4 | Leave of absence desired. |
| " | " " 9 | 24 | " " 8 | French & British relations with Japan. Aid or coercion. |
| " | " " " | 25 | " " " | Aid offered to Taicoon's Govt by British & French representatives |
| " | " " " | 26 | " " 11 | Enclosed supplement to British demand. |
| " | " " " | 27 | " " 12 | Aid offered to Taicoon. The Wyoming. |
| " | " " " | 28 | " " " | Lawless proceedings against American citizens in Yokohama |
| do | " Aug. 26 | 29 | " " 26 | Destruction of Legation buildings by fire. – Attempts to induce him to leave Yedo. – Determines to remain |
| do | " " 26 | 30 | " " 26 | Reply to British & French Demands – Disposition to avoid complying with the Treaties. |
| do | " " 27 | 31 | " June 12 | Leaves Yedo & returns to Yokohama – Reasons for leaving Murder of the apasin of Mr Heuskin – Copy of paper detailing the circumstances &c |
| do | " " 27 | 32 | " " 15 | Correspondence with the French & British Legations concerning the destruction of the Legation Buildings, and his leaving Yedo. |
| Do | " " 27 | 33 | " " 15 | Arrival of Swiss Envoy for the purpose of making a Treaty. Protest of Mr P. against admission |

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| R. H. Pruyn | 1863 | | | of other Powers from Treaty Privileges - Copy of letter to the Minister of For. Aff. on the subject Expected arival of Col. Rausloff |
| do | " Aug 27 | 34 | 1863. June 16 | Acceptance of the British ultimatum - Belief that the Tycoon will be deposed. Influence of the Naval force in the change of Policy relating to the expulsion of foreigners - Narrow escape of the latter. Political condition of Japan. Copy of order relating to the expulsion, & refusing concessions. |
| do | " " 27 | 35 | " " 17 | Courtesy of the French Minister & Prussian Consul General, after the destruction of the Legation buildings |
| do | " " 27 | 36 | " " 18 | Receipt of your 37. Probable possession for Legation buildings |
| do | " " 27 | 37 | " " 20 | Copies of important Japanese documents relating to the expulsion of foreigners transmitted. Political power of the country. Influence of Daimios - Prospect of civil war - its probable effects |
| do | " " 27 | 38 | " " 22 | Circumstances attending the burning of the Legation buildings - Reasons for supposing design to compel a removal from Yedo. - Determination to return - Kind offer of the French Minister. |
| do | " " 27 | 39 | " " 23 | A supply of Stationary &c. desired. |
| do | " " 27 | 40 | " " 24 | Non payment of the indemnity as agreed upon. Copy of letter from British Minister on the subject. - Notice of determination to expel foreigners - Its execution delayed. - Payment of the indemnity. Copy of notice |
| do | " " 26 | 41 | " " 24 | Same as Telegram announcing destruction of Legation buildings and payment of indemnity |
| do | " " 27 | 42 | " " 24 | Transmits copy of note in reply to the notice of closing of ports and expulsion of foreigners |
| do | " Sept 9 | 43 | " " 25 | Transmits copy of reply of French & British Ministers to the notice of expulsions - also copy of orders of Tycoon to carry the expulsion into execution. - Assurances that they could not be obeyed |

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| R. H. Pruyn | 1863. Sept 9 | 44 | 1863. Janu 26 | Misapprehension by the French Minister of the official position of Onagawara. |
| do | " " 9 | 45 | " " 27 | Precarious position of foreigners until the ratification of the Treaties - Necessity of a military demonstration to compel the ratification. |
| do | " " 28 | 46 | " July 1 | Quarterly accounts transmitted. |
| do | " " 28 | 47 | " " 1 | Ask for Contingent expenses. |
| do | " " 28 | ~ | " " 1 | Unofficial - Decores duplicates of his commission and Passports. |
| do | " Oct 2 | 48 | " " 24 | Attack on the "Pembroke" and the Dutch and Netherlands steamers - Explanations of the Governor - Expedition of the "Wyoming" - Its success - Political condition and hostility to foreigners. Enclosures. |
| do | " " 1 | 49 | " " 24 | Same as Telegram, giving account of attack on "Pembroke" &c, and enclosing copy of "Japan Herald". |
| do | " Sept 10 | | " " 24 | Telegram - Same as above. |
| do | " Oct 2 | 50 | " " 25 | Conference of foreign Representatives - Determine that the Inland Sea must be opened to commerce. - the Japanese Government to be notified. |
| do | " " 23 | 51 | " " 31 | Transmits official in relation to the origin of the fire - Difficulties thrown in the way of his return to Yedo. |
| do | " " 14 | 52 | " Aug 8 | Affray between English residents at Kanasawa and 2 two-sworded officers. |
| do | " Sept 20 | ~ | " " 8 | Telegram - Return of the Taicoon - Friendly relations - |
| do | " Oct 13 | 53 | " " 8 | Transmit translation of letter announcing return of Taicoon, & from Yedo, the removal of their colleague - Also copy of letter to Ministers of For. Affairs. |
| do | " " 13 | 54 | " " 8 | Same as Telegram - Return of Taicoon. |
| do | " " 31 | 55 | " " 13 | Commending conduct of Commander McDougall Results of the attack of the Wyoming. |

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| R. H. Brown | 1863 | | | of other Powers from Treaty Privileges - Copy of letter to the Ministers of For. Aff. on the subject Expected arrival of Col. Ransloff |
| do | " Aug 27 | 34 | 1863. June 16 | Acceptance of the British ultimatum - Belief that the Tycoon will be deposed. Influence of the Naval force in the change of policy relating to the expulsion of foreigners - Narrow escape of the latter. Political condition of Japan. Copy of order relating to the expulsion, & refusing concessions. |
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| do | " Oct 2 | 50 | " " 25 | Conference of foreign Representatives - Determine that the Inland Sea must be opened to commerce. - the Japanese Government to be notified. |
| do | " " 23 | 51 | " " 31 | Transmits aff[dv] in relation to the origin of the fire - Difficulties thrown in the way of his return to Yedo. |
| do | " " 14 | 52 | " Aug 8 | Affray between English residents at Kanasawa and a two-sworded officer. |
| do | " Sept 20 | ~ | " " 8 | Telegram - Return of the Taicoon - Friendly relations - |
| do | " Oct 13 | 53 | " " 8 | Transmits translation of letter announcing return of Taicoon, & from Gorogio, the removal of their colleague - Also copy of letter to Ministers of For. Affairs. |
| do | " " 13 | 54 | " " 8 | Same as Telegram - Return of Taicoon. |
| do | " " 31 | 55 | " " 13 | Commending conduct of Commander McDougall Results of the attack of the Wyoming. |

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| Robt H. Foreign | 1863. Oct. 31 | 56 | 1863. Aug. 14 | Condition of affairs in Japan – conflicting elements in the Gov't – Enclosures: Protest of Foreign Ministers – letter of Mr P. to the Gorojio transmitting the same – Letter of Mr P. inquiring reasons for removal of Ogasawara – Notice of appointment of Sakai in his place. |
| do | " Nov. 17 | 57 | " " 26 | Account of the British expedition to Kagosima, and the attack on the city – Enclosures – Departure of the Argonaut – Maps of harbor of Kagosima |
| do | " Dec. 5 | 58 | " Sept. 10 | Conference with the Governors to adjust difficulties growing out of the attacks at Simonoseki. Conduct of Prince Nagato condemned. – Departure of the Argonaut – Seizure of Castles of Prince Nagato – Probable cause. |
| do | " " 5 | 59 | " " 10 | Visit to Yedo – Completion of his residence – Intends return there |
| do | " " 15 | 60 | " " 28 | Political complications – Opposing forces in the Japanese systems of Government, and their intrigues – Intended assassination of the Taicoon. – Depressed condition of trade. |
| do | " " 15 | 61 | " Oct 1 | Quarterly a/cs. |
| do | " " 15 | 62 | " " 1 | A/c for Salary of Interpreter. |
| do | " " 15 | 63 | " " 1 | A/c for Contingent Expenses. |
| do | " " 15 | 64 | " " 1 | Object of Col. Neale's expedition to Kagosima – Correspondence on the subject & Map enclosed |
| do | " " 31 | 65 | " Oct. 14 | Receipt of despatches |
| do | " " 31 | 66 | " " 14 | Rumors of conflicts among the Japanese Princes – Attempt to seize the Mikado. – Seizure of the Commissioners war steamer of the Taicoon by Prince Nagato – Communication from Mr Hall. |
| do | 1864. Jany 2 | 67 | " " 15 | Murder of Lieut. Camus of the French Service |
| do | " " 11 | 68 | " " 23 | Passports issued to Jno. Thos Hulick and Thos W. Thompson |

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| R. H. Pruyn | 1864. Jany 11 | 69 | 1863. Oct. 30 | Present of Gold Coins transmitted to Gov[r] of New York. |
| do | " " 11 | 70 | " " 30 | Conference of Consul Genl of the Netherlands and Mr P. with the Gorogio. Proposed closing of the port of Yokohama. Another Conference proposed by the Gorogio, and declined - Enclosures - Memorandum + correspondence on the subject. |
| do | " " 11 | 71 | " " 30 | By Telegraph which was rec[d] 7th December - Proposition to close the port of Yokohama. |
| do | " " 29 | 72 | " Nov. 1 | Conflict of jurisdiction with the French authorities, relative to Joseph Remilie, who claims American protection - Enclosures - Correspondence on the subject. |
| do | " " 29 | 73 | " " 11 | Receipt of Despatches 42 to 45 inclusive - Suggests that despatches be addressed to him direct. |
| do | " " 29 | 74 | " " 13 | Conference with three Governors for Foreign Affairs, who request him to persuade his Colleagues to visit Yedo to hear the reasons for their desire to close the port of Yokohama - The withdrawal of the letter of Ogasawara. Enclosures - Correspondence on the subject. |
| do. | " " 29 | 75 | " " 16 | Prince Satsuma agrees to pay the indemnity for the murder of Mr Richardson - Demand for the murderers abandoned. |
| do | " " 29 | 76 | " " 28 | Conference with the three Governors - Indemnity conceded to owners of the "Pembroke", but delay urged - Attempts to punish the Prince of Nagato. Favorable results of the proceedings of the "Wyoming". |
| do | " " 29 | 77 | " " 28 | Expresses satisfaction for the approval of his Correspondence with British Minister, and thanks for leave of absence of which the public interests will not allow him to avail himself. |
| do. | " " 29 | 78 | " " 28 | Determines to postpone his return to Yedo - Correspondence on the subject transmitted. |
| do | | 79 | " Dec. 1 | Agreement to pay $10,000 indemnity to the owners of the "Pembroke." British indemnity not yet paid by Satsuma. |

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| R. H. Pruyn | 1864. Jany 29 | 80 | 1863. Dec. 1. | Proposed embassy to Europe & the U.S. — Mr. P. invited to be the medium of communication with the Russian Govt |
| do | " March 14 | 81 | " Dec. 14. | Non arrival of Despatches — Has rec'd through the courtesy of the French & British Ministers Copies from Desp. of 1st & 12th Sept. |
| do | " " 14 | 82 | " " 31 | Transmits Quarterly a/cs, & gives notice of Drafts. |
| do | " " 14 | 83 | " " 31 | Transmits a/c for Contingent expences. |
| do | " " 16 | 84 | " " 31 | Transmits list of persons attached to Legation. |
| do | " " 16 | 85 | " " 31 | Transmits Catalogue of Desp. to the Dept in 1863. |
| | New Series for 1864 | | | |
| do | " March 14 | 1 | 1864. Jany 4 | Encloses letter from Ministers of Foreign Affairs informing of the destruction of the Palace of the Taicoon by fire |
| do | " " 14 | 2 | " " 5 | Enclosing copy of note to Ministers for Foreign Affairs demanding indemnities for destruction of Legation building, and for outrages committed upon citizens of the U.S. at Kanagawa. Receipt of ors Nos 46 & 50. |
| do | " " 14 | 3 | " " 6 | Determination to send a Japanese Embassy to Europe Recall of the French Minister. — Sole object of the Embassy to procure the closing the port of Kanagawa — Conference between two Vice Ministers & the British Chargé d'Affaires. — Duplicity of the Japanese officials Low rank of the Embassy. |
| do | " " 14 | 4 | " " 6 | Efforts to arrest J. D. Buckley, the murderer of Capt Machinnon — Proceedings of the French Minister and the French Consul at Nagasaki. — Friendly offer of Capt. Sir R. Dew of the British steamship "Encounter." |
| do | " " 14 | 5 | " " 6 | Departure of the "Jamestown" in search of the "Malowa" The Governor of Foreign Affairs informed of the departure |
| do | " " 14 | 6 | " " 6 | Necessity for a U. S. Marshal at Kanagawa. — Temporary appointment of Wm Ed. Banks to that office |
| do | " Feb. 17 | 7 | " " 7 | Telegram — Tycoon's Palace again destroyed by fire — Departure of the "Jamestown." Demands for indemnity. |

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| R. H. Pruyn | 1864. March 14 | 7 | 1864. Jan 7 | Same as preceding Telegrams. |
| do | " March 14 | 8 | " " 7 | Complaints of the Swiss Minister that he had obtained the execution of a Treaty between that Govt & Japan. - Encloses a copy of correspondence on the subject. |
| do | " Jan. 4 | — | " " 21 | Telegram. The Govmnt pay damages for interception of voyage of Pembroke. British indemnity not paid. |
| do | " March 14 | 9 | " " 9 | The Alabama at Amoy watched by the "Wyoming." Has given orders that she be destroyed in any Chinese port if necessary to prevent her escape. |
| do | " " 22 | 10 | " " 22 | Refusal of the Japanese Govt to pay the indemnity demanded. - Correspondence with the Ministers on the subject. - They declare their intention to transfer the negotiations to the U.S. - Refusal of the P's consent to such transfer. |
| do | " " 22 | 11 | " " 22 | J. D. Bulkley surrenders himself to the U.S. Consul at Nagasaki, & is sent to Shanghae in H.B.M.S. "Encounter." - Courtesy of Capt Sir R. Dew. |
| do | " " 22 | 12 | " " 26 | Encloses copy of a note from Mr. Humbert, the Swiss Minister, in explanation of an article published in the newspapers concerning the alleged instigation of the late hostilities by Russia & the U.S. |
| do | " " 22 | — | " " 26 | Private - Explaining the delay in preparing despatch relative to the Treaty for the reduction of duties. |
| do | " April 14 | 13 | " " 30 | Transmits Convention for the reduction of duties. |
| do | " " 14 | 14 | " " 30 | Exchange of the ratifications of the Treaty between Russia and Japan. - Negotiations commenced with the Swiss Envoy. |
| do | " " 14 | 15 | " " 30 | Charge by the Prussian Envoy that his negotiations had been delayed by Mr P. denied. Promises correspondence when completed. |
| do | " " 14 | 16 | " " 30 | Proposed second visit of the Taicoun to the Mikado - The first visit without precedent for 300 years. |
| do | " " 29 | 17 | " Feby 15 | The charge made by the Prussian Envoy - Transmits copy of correspondence with him on the subject. |

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| R. H. Pruyn | 1864. April 29 | 18 | 1864. Feby 16 | Enclosing copies of Notes from the Foreign Ministers approving the Convention, and making further reduction in duties. |
| do | " May 12 | 19 | " " 25 | The extension of time for opening the ports. - Encloses copy of agreement for that purpose, and of note from the Ministers for For. Affairs advising of the appt. of Commissioners to determine regulations relating to Bonded Warehouses, &c |
| do | " " 12 | 20 | " " 29 | The question of indemnity for burning the Legation Buildings. - Probable failure of the reactionary party. |
| do | " " 12 | 20 | " March 1 | The reduction of duties - Encloses copy of correspondence with the British Envoy on the subject - The conduct of the Russian Envoy. - Jealousy of American influence. Conduct of certain Foreign Consuls. |
| do | " " 26 | 22 | " " 16 | Information of the second visit of the Taicoon to the Mikado. Favorable changes anticipated in the Foreign policy of Japan. (1 enclosure) |
| do | " " 26 | 23 | " " 17 | Military measures against the Prince of Nagato. A Satsuma Steamer sunk by her batteries. |
| do | " " 26 | 24 | " " 17 | Arrival of Sir Rutherford Alcock, the British Minister. |
| do | " June 9 | 25 | " April 1 | Account Salary for himself and Interpreter to Legation, for quarter ending March 31st 64 |
| do | " " 9 | 26 | " " 1 | Account for contingent expenses for 1st quar. 1864 |
| do | " " 9 | 27 | " " 1 | Relative to iron safe purchased for the Legation. |
| do | " " 3 | 28 | " " 4 | Transmitting original Japanese and Dutch versions of the Convention for reduction of import duties. |
| do | " " 3 | 29 | " " 5 | Import duties on China-Ware reduced 35 % |
| do | " " 3 | 30 | " " 5 | Murderous assault on an Englishman by a Japanese at Nagasaki. |

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| H. Mr. Paugn. | 1864. July 29 | 29 | 1864 April 8 | Relative to Japanese Embassy to the Treaty Powers. (4 enclosures) |
| do. | " " 29 | 32 | " May 4 | French Minister's arrival. The claims that were made by him not yet recognized by the Japanese Govt. Japanese Naval officers probably to visit the U. S. Sqn. |
| do. | " Aug. 17 | 33 | " " 4 | Acknowledging despatch. 58. |
| do. | " " 17 | 34 | " " 5 | Proposed resumption of residence at Yedo. |
| do. | " " 17 | 35 | " " 16 | Transmitting copy of a letter addressed to the Gorojio. (1 enclosure). |
| do. | " " 17 | 36 | " " 18 | Unsatisfactory state of political relations in Japan. |
| do. | " " 17 | 37 | " " 24 | Earl Rupel. Contemplated reception of the Japanese Embassy in London. |
| do. | " " 29 | 38 | " " 26 | Political affairs in Japan. (6 enclosures) |
| do. | " " 29 | 39 | " " 26 | A protocol signed and an identical letter addressed to the Japanese Government by the Foreign Representatives on political relations. (2 enclosures) |
| do. | " " 29 | 40 | " July 1 | Transmitting a/c for 2nd quarter 1864. |
| do. | " " 29 | 41 | " " 1 | Transmitting a/c for interpreters salary 2nd quar. |
| do. | " " 29 | 42 | " " 1 | Transmitting a/c for contingent expenses 2d quar. |
| do. | " Sept. 27 | 43 | " " 2 | In regard to Commercial Agent Rice at Hakadate. his alleged interference in Sakalin boundary question between Russia & Japan. (5 enclosures). |
| do. | " " 27 | 44 | " " 2 | Relative to arrest by French officers of Quarter-Master. West of the "Jamestown". (8 enclosures) |
| do. | " " 27 | 45 | " " 21 | Relative to the indemnity demanded for George Heorton. of the Japanese Govt. In regard to the burning of the Legation buildings (11 enclosures). |

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| R. H. Pruyn. | 1864. Sept 27 | 46 | 1864. July 6. | Opening of the Inland Sea contemplated. Political State of affairs. Steamers asked for the protection of American interests in Japan |
| do. | " 27 | 47 | " 7 | Transfer of James C. Cavanagh. a prisoner to State Prison in California. (1 enclosure.) |
| do. | July. 31 | — | " 20 | Telegram. Norton Claim paid. Asks for a steamer direct from Pacific Squadron. |
| do. | Nov. 9 | 48 | Aug. 21 | Legation & Pembroke claims Settled. remaining claims in course of settlement. |
| do. | " 1 | 49 | " 8 | Amer. Steamer "Monitor" fired at in Kanagawa harbor. |
| do. | " 1 | 50 | " 10 | The Choshu (Nagato) a Simonoseki Complication. (3 enclosures) |
| do. | " 1 | 51 | " 10 | Change of officials. promotions & dismissals. Kaihokwai proposition. |
| do. | " 1 | 52 | " 10 | Three weeks at Yedo with Jamestown Guard. Claims partly Settled and partly in course of Settlement. (9 enclosures.) |
| do. | " 1 | 53 | " 10 | Stationery, v. much wanted. |
| | " 1 | 54 | " 13 | Relative to affairs of the Japanese Govmt. |
| do. | Nov. 7 | — | " 25 | Private. |
| | Aug. 28 | — | " 26 | Telegram. The Inland sea to be opened within twenty days. |
| do. | Nov. 9 | 55 | Sept. 2 | Ambassadors who made the French Convention, disgraced. Convention repudiated. Combined Fleet gone to destroy batteries at Simonoseki. |
| do. | " 9 | 56 | " 3 | Not able to get required enclosures ready in time. will send despatches by mail in a few days. |
| do. | " 26 | 57 | " 3 | Relative to proceedings against the Prince of Choshu in the Straits of Simonoseki (9 encl.s) |

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| Lt. Le. Prunyn | 1864 Dec. 14 | 58 | 1864 Oct. 1 | Transmitting acct for 3rd qtr. |
| do. | " " 14 | 59 | " " 1 | Transmitting account for Interpreter for 3rd qtr. |
| do. | " " 14 | 60 | " " 1 | Transmitting account for Contingent expenses. |
| do. | " " 16 | 61 | " " 1 | Complete Success of expedition to open Straits of Simonoseki. |
| do. | " " 14 | 62 | " " 12 | Opening of the Straits of Simonoseki. Greatly improved State of Affairs in Japan. (13 enclosures). |
| do. | " " 15 | 〃 | " " 14 | Telegram. Legation indemnity paid. Written agreement given for payment of Simonoseki indemnity. |
| do. | " " 15 | 〃 | " " 15 | Telegram. Ambassadors who made the French Convention, discharged. Combined fleet gone to destroy batteries. |
| do. | " " 14 | 63 | " " 17 | Convention between the Taicoon & U.S. Great Britain, France, and the Netherlands. $3.000.000 are to be paid for indemnities, or a new port will be opened in the Inland Sea. |
| do. | 1865 Jan. 13 | 64 | " " 28 | Relative to chartering the steamer Takiang. (2 enclosures). |
| do. | " " 15 | 65 | " " 29 | Transmitting copies of Convention, concluded with the Japanese Govmnt. Memorandum and returns of Allied forces in view of indemnities to be Agreed on. (6 enclosures). |
| do. | 1864 Nov. 18 | 〃 | Nov. 18 | Telegram. A Convention agreed on, ready for Signature, by which $3.000.000 are to be paid for indemnity & expenses occasioned by outrage of Choshiu. |
| do. | 1865 Feb. 6 | 66 | " " 29 | Murder of British officers by Japanese. |
| do. | " " 4 | 67 | " " 29 | Transmitting letter from Minister of Foreign affairs ratifying the convention between the U.S. and Japan. |
| do | " " 6 | 〃 | " " 29 | Unofficial. |

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| R. H. Pruyn | 1864 May 3 | 68 | 1864 Dec 5 | R. Linden claims to be Agt. & Con. Gen. of Switzerland in Japan (3 enclosures) |
| do. | April 27 | 69 | " " | 6 Murder of two British officers within the Treaty limits. (2 enclosures). |
| do | " " | 27 | 70 | " " 26 The British Minister recalled to communicate personally on state of Affairs in Japan. (6 enclosures) |
| do | " " | 27 | 71 | " " 29 Punishment of the murderers of Major Baldwin and Lieut. Bird. (5 enclosures) |
| do | " " | 27 | 72 | " " 30 The Mikado's power. Military movements to enforce Sentence against Prince of Choshu. (3 enclosures.) |
| do. | " " | 27 | 73 | " " 31 Acknowledgment of despatches recd. |
| do. | " " | 27 | 74 | " " 31 Transmitting list of persons employed at that Legation. |
| do. | " " | 27 | 75 | " " 31 Transmitting despatches sent from that legation during the year 1864 |
| do. | " " | 27 | 76 | " " 31 Transmitting acct for self and Interpreter for 4th qtr. |
| do. | " " | 27 | 77 | " " 31 Transmitting acct. for contingent expences. |
| do. | " " | 27 | 1 | 1865 Jan. 20 Passport issued to Mr. W. E. Payne. |
| do. | Jan. 8 | — | " " | 7 Telegram. Murder of two British Officers. |
| do. | April 27 | 2 | " " | 9 Acknowledgement of despatches. |
| | March 31 | 3 | " " | 17 Advising draft for $ 9500 for Charter of Takiang. |
| | April 27 | 4 | " " | 17 Advising draft for $ 9500 for Charter of Teacher Takiang. |
| | 27 | 5 | | 21 Request that clearance to Gun-boat be granted. |

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| H.M. Envoy | 1865 May 6 | — | 1865 Jan. 20 | Private. |
| " | " April 27 | 6 | " 21 | Murderers of British Officers publicly executed. |
| " | " " 27 | 7 | " 21 | Relative to land and improvements at Yokohama. (3 enclosures) |
| " | " " 27 | 8 | " 27 | State of affairs in Japan in connection with the military preparation for the punishment of Prince Chochiu. |
| " | " " 27 | — | " 27 | Unofficial. |
| " | " May 12 | 9 | " Feb 13 | Embassy not to be sent to the Treaty Powers. |
| " | " " 12 | 10 | " March | Steamer "Monitor" now called "Teekoway" her visit to unopened ports in Japan. (7 enclosures) |
| " | " April 6 | — | " April 6 | Telegram. Arrest and execution of one of the Murderers of the British Officers. |
| " | " May 31 | 11 | " March 9 | Receipt of despatches 76.79.84.85.86. Relative to the Gun boat "Fuji-Yama". |
| " | " June 3 | 12 | " " 16 | Transmitting a correspondence relative to an alleged monopoly of Silks. (15 enclosures) |
| " | " " 26 | 13 | " April 1 | Transmitting account for salary for 1st qtr. |
| " | " " 26 | 14 | " " 1 | Transmitting acct for salary of Interpreter. |
| " | " " 26 | 15 | " " 1 | Transmitting acct. for contingent expences. |
| " | " April 6 | — | " " 6 | Telegram. Arrest of one of the murderers of the British Officers. |
| " | " " 6 | — | " " 3 | Telegram. Relative to the departure of the "Fuji-Yama" |
| " | " June 26 | 16 | " " 24 | Simonoseki indemnity to be paid by Japanese Government. Extension of 2nd instalment applied for. (3 enclosures) |
| " | " " 26 | 17 | " " 24 | Four Passports issued. |

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| R. H. Pruyn | 1868 July 5 | 18 | 1868. April 24 | Relative to the Simonoseki indemnity. | A.L.P. |
| " | " Aug. 1 | 19 | " | 26 Avails himself of leav of absence (leave) | |
| " | " " 11 | 20 | " | 28 Sails for America to day. Transmits accts. for salary and contingent expenses. The Legation left in care of Mr. A.L.C. Portman. | |
| " | " July 27 | 21 | " | 28 Relative to the progressive tendencies of Daimios in Japan. | |
| " | " " 27 | 22 | " | 28 Relative to the sale of the Steamer "Lancefield" | |
| A.L.C. Portmann | August 1 | 23 | " | 28 Mr. Pruyn's departure. Transmitting copy of instructions recd from him. | |
| " | " " 1 | 24 | " | 29 Acknowledging receipt of his commission. Relative to his salary as interpreter and Secretary of Legation. | |
| " | " " 1 | 25 | May 1 | The Legation to be reestablished at Yedo in accordance with instructions from Mr. Pruyn. | |
| " | " " 1 | 26 | " | 10 Recommends that Ships of war built for the Japanese Government, may be sent out without delay. Case of the Monitor | |
| " | " " 16 | 27 | " | 16 The Taicoon to place himself at the head of his Army to punish the Prince of Chorhiu. | |
| " | " " 16 | 28 | " | 22 Papers, in reference to proceedings of American Steamer "Fessang". To be sent in a few days. | |
| " | " " 16 | | " | 27 Relative to the "Fugi Gama" and other Ships of War building in the U.S. for the Japanese Government. Mr. Pruyn's contract. &c. | |
| " | " " 29 | 29 | June 1 | Legation reestablished at Yedo. | |

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| A. L. P. Portman | 1863 Aug. 29 | 30 | 1863 June | 1 | Two passports issued. |
| " | " " 29 | 31 | " " | 8 | Decision on the Claim of Mr. R. Schnyer for a small lot of ground situated near the Custom House at Yokohama. (4 enclosures.) |
| " | " " 29 | 32 | " " | 9 | Taicon's departure. He is to place himself at the head of his army which is to suppress the Choshu's rebellion. 1 enclosure. |
| " | " " 29 | 33 | " " | 10 | A lot of land for a coal-depot granted to the Pacific Mailsteam ship Company for the Japanese Government. |
| " | " " 29 | 34 | " " | 10 | Relatin to charges brought against him by Mr. Fisher Consul at Kanagawa. (1 enclosure) |
| " | " " 10 — | | July | 31 | Transmitting a Convention concluded by the Japanese Government for the reduction of Import duties. and also for the payment of $3.000.000 to the U. S. Great Britain. France & Holland, for indemnity. |
| " | " Sept. 23 | 35 | " June | 20 | Transmitting copies of communications relatin to the assassination. 2 enclosures. |
| " | " " 23 | 36 | " " | 24 | Relatin to the Cochin rebellion — neutrality secured. 1 enclosure. — |
| " | " " 23 | 37 | " " | 28 | Complaint against Mr. Consul — Fisher (2 enclosures) |
| " | " " 23 | 38 | " " | 28 | Acknowledging despatch No. 89. relatin to injurious statements concerning the Ministers of the Treaty Powers. in Japan. |
| " | " " 28 | 39 | " July | 1 | Transmitting account for contingent expences for 1st quarter. |
| " | " " 30 | 40 | " " | 5 | Expression of Sympathy of Taicoun and his Government with the assassination of President Lincoln and attack on the Secretary of State. |

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| U. L. to Portman | 1865 Sept. 28 | 41 | 1865 July 6 | Transmitting account for 2nd quarter |
| " | " " 28 | 42 | " " 11 | Arrival of Sir Harry S. Parkes as the British representative in Japan. |
| " | " " 28 | 43 | " " 13 | Acknowledging receipt of despatches Nos 88 and 91. |
| " | " " 28 | 44 | " " 24 | Another Embassy left for Europe.. (1 enclosure). |
| " | " Oct. 4 | 45 | " " 25 | In further reply to despatch No. 89. concerning the Ministers of the Treaty Powers. |
| " | " " 14 | 46 | " " 27 | Relative to the Embassy which recently left for England & France. (1 enclosure.) |
| " | " Aug. 18 | — | " " 31 | Transmitting convention concluded between Japan & the U.S. for the reduction of the Import duties. also convention for the payment of $3. 000.000 indemnity. (2 enclosures). |
| " | " Nov. 16 | 47 | " Aug. 6 | Two Japanese vessels despatched to cruise off the coast of Nagato under instructions to seize all foreign vessels engaged in illicit traffic. (4 enclosures.) |
| " | " " 16 | 48 | " " 22 | 1st instalment of 500.000 of the 3.000.000 Simonoseki indemnity offered & received. (1 enclosure) |
| " | " " 18 | 49 | " " 30 | Relative to the unlawful proceedings of the American steamer "Keesang" late the "Monitor" — and Sale of Steamer "Genkasimaro" late the "Lancefield" (10 enclosures) |
| " | " " 18 | 50 | " Sept 5 | 1st instalment of $500.000 of indemnity under Convention of Oct 22. 1864 paid by Taicoons Govt. 3 enclosures) |

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| H. L. C. Portman | 1863 Nov 18 | 51 | 1863 Sept. 18 | Acknowledging receipt of Stationery &c |
| " | " Dec. 14 | 52 | " " 13 | Restrictions in the purchase of silkworm-Eggs and. cocoons removed. 7 enclosures. |
| " | " " 14 | 53 | " " 15 | Transmitting copy & correspondence with the Netherlands Cn. Gen. relative to the unlawful proceedings of the American Steamer "Pensang" (3 enclosures). |
| " | " " 14 | 54 | " " 23 | Restrictions on the sale of iriko, awabi and sharkfins removed. (2 enclosures) |
| " | " " 14 | 55 | " " 25 | Mr. Maugunis arrival in Japan, and departure for Nagasaki, his post of duty. |
| " | " " 14 | 56 | " Oct. 1 | Concerning his salary. |
| " | " " 14 | 57 | " " 1 | Transmitting acct. for Contingent expenses for 3d. quarter. |
| " | " " 22 | 58 | " " 10 | Transmitting correspondence with Mr. Consul Fisher: His continued troubles with the local authorities at Kanagawa. 5 enclosures) |
| " | 1865 Jan. 16 | 59 | " " 12 | Acknowledging despatches. |
| " | " " 16 | 60 | " " 16 | Acknowledging despatches. |
| " | " " 16 | 61 | " " 20 | Political state of affairs in Japan. |
| " | " " 16 | 62 | " " 27 | Relative to the removal of James C. Caranagh from Japanese territory. (2 enclosures). |
| R. H. Pruyn | 1864 November | — | " " 25 | Tendering his resignation as Minister Resident at Japan. |
| A. L. C. Portman | 1865 Jan. 29 | 63 | " " 30 | Informing the Dept. that the accomplice & the murder of the two British Officers has been apprehended and beheaded. |
| " | " " 24 | 64 | " " 30 | Temporary transfer of the Legation to Osacca with the principal object of contributing to avert impending civil war in Japan (3 enclosures). |

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| A. L. C. Portman | 1866 Jan. 27 | 65 | 1865 Nov. 18 | Important negotiations with Japanese Government. (Transmitting memorandum of conference with the Members of Taisoon's Government. 3 enclosures. |
| " | " February 16 | 66 | " 30 | Treaties ratified by Mikado. Promulgation of Oct. 22 1864 to be carried out. Revision of Tariff agreed upon. Hiogo and Osacca not yet to be opened. Civil war in Japan averted. |
| " | " March 2 | 67 | " Dec. 5 | The recent negotiations in Osacca. The Mikados sanction of the treaties. and the results. (4 enclosures) |
| " | " " 20 | 68 | " " 6 | Ratification of the treaties promulgated. (1 enclosure). |
| " | " " 20 | 69 | " " 7 | Result of the recent negotiations communicated to Foreign. (2 enc. |
| " | " " 20 | 70 | " " 16 | Japanese Government recommending watchfulness against fanaticism. 2 enclosures. |
| " | " " 20 | 71 | " " 29 | Courtesy of British Officers to Mr. Portman. (1 enclosure. |
| " | " " 20 | 72 | " " 31 | Transmitting acct. for 3d and 4th quarter. |
| " | " " 20 | 73 | " " 31 | Transmitting acct. for contingent expenses for last quarter. |
| " | " " 20 | 74 | " " 31 | Transmitting list of persons employed at the Legation |
| " | " " 20 | 75 | " " 31 | Transmitting list of despatches sent during the year 1865. |
| " | " " 20 | 1 | 1866 Jan. 3 | James C. Caranagh removed from Japanese building. |

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| A.L.C. Portman | 1866 March 20 | 2 | 1866 Jan. 8 | Enclosing copy of a letter sent to Jorgio relative to the assassination. |
| R. H. Temple | " Feb. 21 | — | " Feb. 21 | Enclosing receipt for the balance of the contingent fund at the Legation, recd. from Mr. Portman, |
| A.L.C. Portman | April 21 | — | " 14 | Unofficial. Rel. to Simonoseki indemnity |
| " | " March 20 | 3 | Janry 9 | Claim of Dr. Galle of Shanghae against the estate of D. W. McComb deceased. 3 enc. |
| " | " April 30 | 4 | " " 14 | Visit of Senior member of Jorogio-Simonoseki indemnity |
| " | " " 30 | 5 | " " 22 | Legation building finished. reasons for the delay. &c |
| " | " " 30 | 6 | " Feby 6 | Arrival of the Iwanama at Yedo. her delivery to Japanese Gov. by Com. |
| " | " May 2 | 7 | " " 10 | Choshu difficulty not yet settled.— 3 mos note for $ 500000. received in payment of 3d instalment of indemnity |
| " | " " " | 8 | " " 25 | Ack. despatches. |
| " | " " " | 9 | " March 5 | In relation to the alleged arrest and conveyance as a prisoner to his Consul of a British Subject by Mr. Consul Fisher. Amends for H.B.Ms Gov. applied for but not tendered. 8 enclosures. |
| " | " June 12 | 10 | " " 20 | Recommending the establishment of a Marine hospital at Yokohama. Ground for the purpose secured |
| " | " " " | 11 | " April 1 | Transmitting accounts for 1st qtr |
| " | " " " | 12 | " " 1 | " do " " " |
| " | " " 22 | 13 | " " 11 | Rel. to remittance to London of 1 instalment of $500000 of the Simonoseki Indemnity |

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| A.L.C. Portman | 1866 June 21 | 14 | 1866 April 13 | Transmitting original receipt by British Commissariat at Yokohama for $50000 transferred to H.B.M.'s Treasury London to the credit of the four Treaty powers. |
| " | " July 18 | 15 | " " 16 | Rel. to recent negotiations at Osaca. (2 enc.) |
| " | " " 14 | 16 | " " 16 | Continuance of No 9. relative to alleged assumption of authority by Consul Fisher (5 enc.) |
| " | " " 28 | 17 | " " 16 | Transmitting acct. as Chargé |
| " | " " 28 | 18 | " " 17 | Ack. despatches |
| " | " " 18 | 19 | " " 22 | Transmitting application for extension of payment of 3 remaining instalments of indemnity |
| " | " " 19 | 14 | " " 14 | Transmitting, copy of a signed Memorandum, acknowledging the receipt from the Jap. Govt of the sum of $500000. the 2d instalment of the Simonoseki indemnity. |
| " | " Octr 9 | 20 | " " 22 | Transg copy of a correspondence with Consul Fisher in relation to Jas C. Cavanagh, who was tried and convicted of manslaughter at Nagasaki. |
| " | " " " | 21 | " " 30 | Transmitting copy of a correspondence in relation to the estate of Joseph Bonnike deceased. |
| " | " " " | 22 | " May 12 | Acknowledging Despatches Nos 20 and 21. |
| " | " August 24 | 23 | " " 29 | Enclosing copy of letter from the Acting Agent of the Oriental Banking Corporation at Yokohama, informing that the 3d instalment of the Simonoseki indemnity ($500000) had been recd from the Japanese Govt & held at the order of the Foreign Repves |
| " | " " 24 | 24 | " " 31 | Transg copies of correspondence with the Brit. Minister in relation to the arrest of Mr Leare a Brit. Subj. by order of Mr Fisher, U.S. Consul at Kanagawa. |
| " | " " 24 | 25 | " " 31 | Concerning the claim of the Jap. Govt to a lot at Yokohama, occupied by the late Mr Schroyer. Consul Fisher gave possession of the same to the Governor of Kanagawa. |

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| A. L. C. Portman | 866 August 24 | 27 | 1866 May 31 | Acknowledges receipt of Dispatch informing him of the appointment of Mr Van Valkenburgh as Minister to Japan. |
| " | " " 24 | 28 | " June 1 | Transmitting translation of a letter from Minister for foreign affairs, informing him that Japanese of all classes are now permitted to visit foreign countries, & of the establishment of a passport system. |
| " | " Septr 6 | 29 | " July 22 | Transg 3 printed copies of the Convention, with revised Tariff appended, concluded on the 25th of June 1866. |
| " | " " 20 | 30 | " " 2 | Transg quarterly accounts. |
| " | " " 24 | 31 | " " 2 | Transg account for contingent expenses of the Legation |
| " | " Octr 22 | 32 | " " 3 | Acknowledging dispatches Nos 14, 15, 16 and 17. |
| " | " " 22 | 33 | " " 3 | Rel to an account of the negotiations at Osaka in Octr 1865 as given in the Daily Morning Chronicle of the 14th Febr 1866. |
| " | " " 22 | 34 | " " 14 | Enclosing printed copies of the Convention with revised tariff concluded with the Japanese Govt at Yedo on the 25th June last |
| R. B. Van Valkenburgh | " Novr 1 | 35 | " August 13 | Informing the Dept of his arrival at Yokohama. |
| " | " " 1 | 36 | " " 13 | Transg accounts for salary, while making the transit to this port. |
| " | 1867 January 9 | 37 | " Septr 15 | His arrival at Yedo. Interview with the Governor of foreign affairs. Mr Bunbinganne & family sail for Shanghai. — |
| " | " " 9 | 38 | " " 18 | Transg translation of charges preferred by the Govt against the rebel Prince Choshiu. - Hostilities to be commenced against him. |
| " | " " 9 | 39 | " " 20 | Orders issued by the Mikado to begin hostilities against Prince Choshiu. Notice to American vessels not to anchor in the ports of Simonoseki and Nagato. Notification & regulations issued for the guidance of American citizens during the pending hostilities. |
| " | " " 9 | 40 | " " 21 | Acknowledges receipt of despatches informing him, through the President's proclamation, of the ratifications of the Convention of Octr 22d 1864 and January 22d 1864. |
| " | " " 9 | 41 | " " 27 | Transg the latest official news concerning the death of the Tycoon. He died of dropsy. Hitotsubashi has been appointed his successor. Believes the war to be at an end. |

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| R. B. Van Valkenburgh | 1867 January 9 | 42 | 1866 Septr 28 | Arrival of the Italian frigate "Magenta" at Yokohama on the 12th of August. Treaty of Italy with Japan. |
| " " " | " " 9 | 43 | " " 29 | The Japanese Govt. desirous to purchase vessels of war from the U. S. - Commissioners to be sent to America. |
| " " | 1866 Decbr 11 | 44 | " Octbr 4 | Acknowledging receipt of commission of Julius Stahel as Consul at Kanagawa |
| " " " | " " 11 | 45 | " " 4 | Description of the ships which the Japanese Govt. desire to purchase from the U.S. Government. |
| " " " | " " 11 | 46 | " " 1 | Transg copy of communication from the Tycoon announcing the death of the late Tycoon. |
| " " " | " " 11 | 47 | " " 1 | Transg quarterly accounts |
| A. L. Portman | " " 11 | 48 | " " 1 | Transg quarterly accounts |
| R. B. Van Valkenburgh | " " 11 | 50 | " " 15 | Rel. to the war pending in Japan. |
| " " " | " " 31 | 51 | " " 16 | Acknowledging Despatches |
| " " | 1867 Janry 16 | 52 | " " 23 | Issued passports to Jno. Davenport & Edwd. E. Fuller. |
| " " " | " " 14 | 53 | " " 24 | Transmitting copies of communication from the Brit. Minister and Commissariat Officer at Yokohama, in relation to the payment of the Simonoseki indemnity money. |
| " " " | " " 22 | 54 | " Novbr 5 | Cessation of hostilities betn the Govt forces and those of the rebels during 50 days, on account of the death of the Tycoon. The body lying in state in the temple of the Tycoons in Yedo. - Poor people suffering in cons of the war. Rebels committing crimes. |
| " " " | " " 22 | 55 | " " 7 | Enclosing original application of Dr Vidder for appointment as Physician to the Marine Hospital, proposed to be built at Yokohama. An American hospital much needed. |
| " " " | " " 22 | 56 | " " 10 | Transg Translation of communication recd. from the Minister for foreign affairs in regard to the passport system established in Japan. Form of passport adopted under the proclamation of the Jap. Govt. dated May 23. 1866. |

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| R. B. VanValkenburgh | 1867 March 18 | 57 | 1866 Novb 20 | Rel. to the importation of rice by Japanese Govt on account of the scarcity of this article. |
| " | " " 18 | 58 | " Decb 20 | Visit of the President of the Tycoon's Commissioners to be sent to the United States. Their trip to Nagasaki in board the "Hartford". French & Russian vessels of war anchored at that place. |
| " | " " 18 | 59 | " " 22 | Transg translation of a letter from the Min. for foreign affairs announcing that an armistice had been concluded with Prince Choshiu. The present Tycoon a man of energy & ability. Prospects that all civil commotion will soon be at an end. |
| " | " " 18 | 60 | " " 22 | Great conflagration at Yokohama. U.S. Consulate, custom House & other buildings destroyed. |
| " | " " 18 | 61 | " " 24 | The opening of the ports of Hiogo and Osaca guaranteed on the 1st January 1868. No ground has yet been set apart for foreign occupation at either of these places, nor has any commencement been made with the building of Custom House, Bonded Warehouse etc. Asks instructions in regard to this matter. |
| " | " " 18 | 62 | " " 26 | Recommends that the Portsmouth office may be raised. |
| " | " April 17 | 63 | " " 31 | Transmitting accounts ending December. |
| A. L. C. Portman | " " 17 | 64 | " " 31 | Transmitting accounts for salary. |
| R. B. Van Valkenburgh | " " 17 | 65 | " " 31 | Transmitting accounts for contingent expenses. |
| " | " " 17 | 66 | " " 31 | Transmitting list of persons in the Legation. |
| | | | " " 29 | Agreement of treaty powers as to foreign settlement at Yokohoma. Filed in Bureau of Rolls & Library |
| " | " April 17 | 67 | " " 31 | Transg list of the despatches addressed to the Dept during 1866. |
| " | " " " | 1 | 1867 Jany 2 | Informs of the arrival of Genl Julius Dahlke U.S. Consul at Kanagawa. |
| " | " " " | 2 | " " 5 | Transg communication from E. E. Rice Consul at Hakodadi, who requests that a salary may be granted to him, as his fees are very small |
| " | " " " | 19 | 3 " " 7 | Transg communication from Mr. P. Mangum, U.S. Consul at Nagasaki, relative to the rescue of the officers crew & passengers of the Am. Schooner "Hawk" |
| " | " " 17 | 4 | " " 9 | Rel to the affront rec'd by the Brit. Minister & an armed Japanese. Murder of French Sergeant of Marines at Yokohama. |
| " | " " 17 | 5 | " " 12 | Transg copies of certain documents (translations) bearing upon the present state of affairs in Japan. |

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| R. B. Van Valkenburgh | 1867 April 19 | 6 | 1867 Janry 24 | Transy copy of letter from R. Mc Brown of Yokohama, by which he declines appointment of Consular Clerk. |
| " " " | 23 | 7 | " " 24 | Transy Original of the Convention and Tariff signed 25 June 66 |
| " " " | 19 | 8 | " " 25 | Rel. to the rates for lighthouses, buoys and beacons. |
| " " " | | 9 | " " 27 | Rel to the duty on timber |
| " " " | 19 | 10 | " Febry 4 | Conclusion of a Treaty of friendship, commerce and navigation between the King of Denmark & the Tycoon of Japan. |
| " " " | 19 | 11 | " " 19 | Appointment of Commissioners to visit the U. S. for the purpose of purchasing rifled ordnance. Transmits copy of translation of their appointment by the Tycoon. |
| " " " | | — | " " 20 | Receipt. Rel to the losses sustained by Geo. S. Fischer, U. S. Consul at Kanagawa at the fire in Yokohama |
| " " " | 19 | 12 | " " 21 | Transy translations of letter rec'd from the Tycoon, inviting the foreign Representatives to an audience with the Tycoon |
| " " March 28 | | — | " Febry 22 | Telegram from S. Francisco Jas Commissioners & suite, appointed by Tycoon leave ex Colorado for Washington etc. |
| " " May 27 | | — | " March 24 | Transy letter from the Tycoon to the Commissioners |
| " " " | 23 | — | " June 16 | Telegram from S. Francisco. His return from Atlantic Ports will be opened on first of January next. |
| " " " | 27 | 14 | " March 15 | Inclosing letter to the Minister for foreign affairs urging the payment of the remaining three instalments of the Simonoseki indemnity. |
| " " " | 27 | 15 | " " 18 | Inclosing a letter from Mr Adams U. S. Minister in London, acknowledging receipt of £217.12.2. |
| " " " | 27 | 16 | " April 1 | Transmitting quarterly account. |
| A. L. Portman " | 27 | 17 | " " 1 | " " " " |
| R. B. Van Valkenburgh " | 27 | 18 | " " 1 | Transy accounts of contingent expenses. |
| " " June 25 | 19 | " | " 12 | Aiken. Despatches |

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| R. B. Van Valkenburgh | 1867 June 25 | 20 | 1867 April 20. | The Tycoon has granted him an official audience Arrival of Rear Admiral Bell. |
| " | " " 25 | 21 | " " 24 | Arrival of Mr de Brandt, the Prussian charge d'affaires, inclosing copy of his letter & reply. |
| " | " July 8 | 22 | " May 6 | His arrival at Osaca in the Steamer "Shenandoah": Description of the interview with the Tycoon and ceremonies connected with it. His address to the Tycoon and reply of the latter. |
| " | " " 8 | 23 | " " 10 | Visited the port of Hiogo and selected the site for the foreign settlement. |
| " | " " 8 | 24 | " " 18 | Inclosing copy of a letter from the Gorogias, announcing the intention of the Japanese Govt. to send Envoys to Coria |
| " | " " 8 | 25 | " " 18 | Inclosing copy of a letter from the Gorogias, asking for an extention of the payment of the Balance of the Simonoseki indemnity for a definite period of 2 years. |
| " | " " 8 | 26 | " " 18 | Rel. to the location of the foreign settlement at Hiogo. The proposition of the Japanese Govt. Relative to appt. of Consuls at Yedo, Osacca & Hiogo |
| " | " August 7 | ~ | " " 23 | Private. The Prince of Echizen sends Tasaki Gounai, one of his headmen to the U. S. for the purpose of purchasing arms, machinery, etc. |
| " | " July 8 | 28 | " May 23 | Rel. to the approaching opening of the port of Hiogo and Osaca. |
| " | " " 8 | 29 | " " 23 | Inclosing a notification announcing the opening of 1st day of January next of the two ports and cities of Hiogo and Osaca. |
| " | " Aug. 26 | 30 | " June 10. | Appointment of Mr Van Reed by the King of the Hawaiian Islands, as Commr. to negotiate a treaty with Japan. War with Choshiu not yet begun. Proclamation of the Tycoon for social relations with Foreign Ministers. Crops- |
| " | " " 26 | 31 | " " 12 | Relative to a trip to the West Coast of Japan to select a better port than Niigata. Will visit Hakodadi - |

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| R. B. Van Valkenburgh | 1867 Sept. 30 | 32. | 1867. June 8. | Relative to social intercourse with Foreign Ministers – Progress – Presents received from the Tycoon – One enclosure. Translation of the ceremony of the presentation of credentials by the Foreign Ministers, at Osacca – |
| " " | " " | 33. | " July 1. | Enclosing account for Salary. $161.$^{35}/_{100}$. |
| A. L. C. Portman | " " | 34 | " " | Enclosing account for Salary. $60.$^{92}/_{100}$ |
| R. B. Van Valkenburgh | " " | 35 | " " | Enclosing account for Contingent Expenses $334.$^{50}/_{100}$ |
| " | " " | 36 | " " | Enclosing account for the erection of a Flagstaff $4118.$^{53}/_{100}$. |
| " | Oct. 6 | 37 | " Aug. 17 | Description of the trip to the West Coast of Japan – Enclosing maps, shipping and sailing directions – Ports visited. |
| " | " 6 | 38 | " " | 17 Enclosing communication from the U. S. Consul at Nagasaki, relative to the murder of Geo. Bunker, from the Bark "Valetta" – Enclosing Doctor's Certificate – |
| " | " 6 | 39 | " " | 18 Relating to wharf privileges for the Pacific Mail Steamship Co. Two enclosures – |
| " | " 6 | 40 | " " | 18 Acknowledging the receipt of Nos. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15 & 16. also President's proclamation. Relating to Japanese Coinage. Commission of Mr. D. L. Moore as U. S. Vice Consul at Nagasaki to be sent at once. |
| " | " 6 | 41 | " " | 21 Relating to the transfer of the ground for the U. S. Hospital at Kanagawa, to Dr. Vedder. One enclosure. |
| " | " 6 | 42 | " " | 21 Relating to the settlement of the Choshiu difficulty. Peace restored, but troubles to be apprehended in 1868. |
| " | " 6 | 43 | " " | 22 Arrival of the Italian, Belgian and Russian Ministers. Selection of a site for the Foreign settlement at Yedo – 1 Enclosure containing the Plan of Yedo – |
| " | " 10 | ~ | " " | 23 Private. Enclosing Photographs of the Tycoon. |
| " | " 6 | 44 | " " | 23 Relative to the arrest of Native christians – Enclosing minutes of the conversation between the Governor of Nagasaki and the U. S. Minister upon the subject. |

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| R.B. Van Valkenburgh | 1867 Oct. 6 | 45 | 1867 Aug. 23 | Announcing the return to Japan of the Japanese Commrs. |
| J.L.C. Portman | " Nov. 14 | | " " 29 | Asking leave of absence. |
| R.B. Van Valkenburgh | " Dec. 17 | 46 | " Oct. 1. | Transmitting his accounts for September 31st |
| J.L.C. Portman | " " 17 | 47 | " " 1 | Transmitting his account for Salary Quarter ending Sept. 30 |
| R.B. Van Valkenburgh | " " 17 | 48 | " " 1 | Transmitting account for contingent expenses " " " " |
| " " " | " " 11 | 49 | " " 2 | Transmitting the correspondence with D.L. Moore Esq. U.S. Act. Vice Consul at Nagasaki in reference to the smuggling of rice Case of the Am. Ship "Anna Kimball" |
| " " " | " " 11 | 50 | " " 3 | Relating to the joint occupation by the Japanese and Russians of the Island of Sakhalin. Enclosures on the subject. Copy of the temporary Regulations. |
| " " " | " " 11 | 51 | " " 4 | Claim of Augustine Heard & Co. against the Japanese Government. 6. Enclosures upon the subject. |
| " " " | " " 11 | 52 | " " 7 | Arrival in Japan of the Commissioners. Enclosing a communication from the Gorogio, expressing their satisfaction for the manner they were received in the U.S. |
| " " " | " " 11 | 53 | " " 15 | Relating to the issuing a Passport to Mr. H. Wilkie |
| " " " | " " 11 | 54 | " " 21 | Relating to the introduction in Japan of machinery and a knowledge in the use of Colors in silk and woolen fabrics. 2 Enclosures. |
| " " " | " " 11 | 55 | " " 21 | Transmitting duplicate copies of despatch No 9 together with the two enclosures. |
| " " " | " " 11 | 56 | " " 22 | Non reception of the agreement and regulations proposed by the Japanese Govt for the foreign settlement in Yedo. The Site selected. Copy of the intended regulations. The ports to be opened, not yet decided upon. Hiogata and Sado, probably the ones to be selected. |
| " " " | " " 11 | 57 | " " 22 | Transmitting copy of a communication addressed to the Gorogio, relating to the rocks, shoals and other impediments in the Japanese waters, and requesting information upon the same. |

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| R. H. Van Valkenburgh | 1867. Dec. 11 | 58 | 1867 Oct. 23. | Transmitting certificate of disability from Mr C. E. Rice, U. S. Consul at Hakodadi. |
| " " " " | " " 11 | 59 | " " 23 | Informing that Japanese Commrs have been appointed by the Japanese Government to consider means to prevent future conflagrations such as have occured in Yokohama. Enclosing maps and agreements in the Conference. |
| " " " " | " " 11 | 60 | " " 24 | Acknr. receipt of Nos 19, 20, 21, 22, and 24. Case of Jas C. Cavanaugh. |
| " " " | 1868 Jany 23. | 61. | " Nov. 4 | Relating to the application to enter into Treaty relations with Japan, made by the Hawaiian Govt. Enclosing copy of a letter from the Minister of Foreign affairs of Japan upon the subject. |
| | " " 23 | 62 | " " 7 | Transmitting copy of a letter from the Minister for Foreign affairs covering a proclamation relative to the assumption by the Tycoon of an old title which authorizes him as Commander in Chief of the Military and Naval forces of Japan. |
| " " " " | " 23 | 63 | " " 12 | Acknr. No 27. relating to the treatment of native christians by the Japanese authorities. Account of the persecution of the Christians in Japan, by the Abbé P. M. Girard. |
| " " " " | " 23 | 64 | " " 16 | Transmitting Copy of an arrangement providing for a municipal Government at Yokohama. |
| " " " " | " 23 | 65 | " " 18 | Relating to the appointment of Chas W. Brooks as Japanese Consul at San Francisco. 2 Enclosures. |
| " " " " | " 23 | 66 | " " 20 | Relating to a Japanese Embassy to the Corea. for the prevention of future wrongs. |
| " " " " | " 23 | 67 | " " 26 | Relating to the discharge of Jas C. Cavanaugh. 3 enclosures bearing upon the case. |
| " " " " | " 23 | 68 | " Dec. 2 | Resignation of the Tycoon. Political affairs in Japan. 5 Enclosures. |
| " " " " | " 23 | 69 | " " 3 | Overture of the City of Yedo to foreigners postponed to April 1st. 3 Enclosures, and plan of the City |

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| R.H. Van Valkenburgh | 1868 Jany. 23 | 70 | 1867 Dec. 4 | Relating to the opening of the Harbors of Nagasaki & Shimonoseki. 2 Enclosures. |
| " " " | " " 23 | 71 | " " 4 | Forwarding plans of the foreign concession at Osaka and Hiogo. |
| " " " | " " 6 | 72 | " " 4 | Telegram. Resignation of the Tycoon. Opening of Yedo and of the ports postponed to the 1st of April. |
| " " " | " " 23 | 73 | " " 6 | Transmitting a memorial from the Chamber of Commerce of Yokohama relating to the course pursued by the Foreign Representatives in Japan. |
| " " " | " Feby 27 | 74 | " " 13 | Transmitting two documents relating to the resignation of the Tycoon and containing a brief history of the late events in Japan. |
| " " " | " March 11 | 75 | " " 20 | Appointment of Mr. P. Frank B. as U.S. Consular Agt. at Hiogo and of Mr. W.H. Morse as U.S. Consular Agent at Osacca. |
| " " " | " " 11 | 76 | " " 31 | Transmitting his account for Salary for the Qur. ending Dec. 31st 1867 |
| A.L.C. Portman | " " 11 | 77 | " " 31 | Transmitting his account for Salary for the Quarter ending Dec. 31st 1867. |
| R.H. Van Valkenburgh | | 78 | " " 31 | Transmitting his account for Contingent Expenses for the Quarter ending Dec. 31st 1867. |
| " " " | " " 11 | 79 | " " 31 | Transmitting list of persons employed in the Legation. |
| " " " | " " 11 | 80 | " " 31 | Sending a list of the despatches sent to the Dept. of State, from the Legation during 1867. |
| " " " | " " 10 | 1 | 1868 Jany 2 | Opening of the ports of Osaca and Hiogo. details of the proceedings. 3 Enclosures. |
| " " " | " " 10 | 2 | " " 14 | Giving an account of the death by drowning of Rear Admiral H.H. Bell. near Osacca. 9 Enclosures |
| " " " | " " 10 | 3 | " " 16 | Relating to the state of political affairs in Japan. 6 enclosures. |
| " " " | " " 10 | 4 | " " 16 | Acknowledging receipt of despatches Nos. 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36 & 37. |

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| R.B. Van Valkenburgh | 1868 March 10 | 5 | 1868 Jany 17 | Relating to the minister leaving Yeddo. Mr Pahlman at Yeddo. Asking an appropriation for clerical hire. Disadvantage of moving the Legation from place to place owing to the state of affairs in Japan. |
| " " " | " Feby 18 | ~ | " " | 18 Telegram. Revolution in Japan. Abolishment of the Office of Tycoon. Death of Rear Admiral Bell. |
| " " " | " " 17 | 6 | " " | 18 Telegram. Opponents of Tycoon took possession of the Mikado's palace and person. Abolishment of the Office of Tycoon. |
| A.L.C. Patman | " March 11 | | " " | 18 Relating to a murderous assault on Mr Geo. L. Squires an American citizen, by his crew of native sailors. 2 Enclosures. |
| " " " | " " 11 | | " " | 23 Relating to the acts of war between the Prince of Satsuma and the Tycoon. 3 Enclosures. |
| " " " | " " 11 | | " " | 24 Requisition for Stationery. |
| " " " | " " 11 | | " " | 25 Further information relating to the fight between the the retainers of Prince Satsuma and the Tycoon's forces |
| " " " | Feby 18 | | " " | 25 Telegram relating to the severe fighting at Yeddo. Arrival of the "Monocacy" all quiet at Yokohama. |
| " " " | " " | | " " | 25 Same telegram. |
| R.B. Van Valkenburgh | April 29 | 7 | Feby 3 | Relating to the defeat of the Tycoon, Evacuation of Osacca and arrival at Hiogo of the Foreign Representatives. 6 Enclosures. |
| " " " | " 29 | 8 | " | 7 Account of the attack by Japanese troops on the Foreigners at Hiogo. 9 Enclosures. |
| " " " | " 29 | 9 | " | 15 Enclosing a statement from the American citizens as were present at the attack made upon the foreigners by the Japanese troops at Hiogo. 10 Enclosures. |
| " " " | " 29 | 10 | " | 17 Relating to the withdrawal of the foreign forces from Hiogo and to the establishment of the Mikado's Govt at that place. 11 Enclosures. |

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| H.B. Van Valkenburgh | 1868 Apl. 29 | 11 | 1868 Feby 18 | Departure of the French Minister and appointment of Baron Brin as Chargé d'affaires. Statement relating to the feeling existing among the Foreign Representatives. 5 Enclosures. |
| " " " | " " 29 | 12 | " " 24 | Relating to the views of the Minister sent by the Tycoon regarding Neutrality and the delivery of the "Stonewall" to the Tycoon. 5 Enclosures. |
| " " " | " " 29 | 13 | " " 28 | Reviewing the political condition of affairs in Japan. 2 Enclosures. |
| " " " | " " 29 | 14 | " Mch. 1 | Return of the French Minister. Abdication of the Tycoon. Offenders in the attack on Foreigners at Hiogo to be executed. 3 Enclosures. |
| " " " | " " 1 | 15 | " " 2 | Telegram. Flight of the Tycoon. Attacks on Foreigners at Hiogo. 3 men wounded. 1 Enclosure. |
| " " " | " " " | | " " 2 | Same Telegram. as No 15 |
| H.L.C. Portman " | " 29 | | " " 2 | Political State of affairs in the Eastern part of Japan. 4 Enclosures. |
| " " " | " " 29 | | " " 6 | Latest Official intelligence of political affairs in Yedo. |

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| R. B. van Valkenburgh | 1868 June 5 | 24 | 1868 Mch. | 4 | Relating to the execution of the Officer who ordered his troops to fire on the foreigners at Hiogo. Apology of the Government for the outrage. 9 Enclosures. |
| " " " " " | " | 25 | " | 11 | Relating to the murder of Eleven French Sailors March 8th near Osacca, belonging to the "Venus" & "Dupleix" while surveying and sounding the bay. 4 Enclosures and a plan. |
| " " " " " | " | 26 | " | 16 | Giving the details of the dispatches sent from Yokohama. |
| " " " " " | " | 27 | " | 23 | Relating to his return from Hiogo, and his intentions of leaving Yedo, for Yokohama. |
| " " " " " | " | 28 | April | 1 | Transmitting his account for Salary for the Quarter ending March 31st. |
| A. L. C. Portman | " | 29 | " | " | Transmitting his account for Salary, for the Quarter ending March 31st. |
| R. B. Van Valkenburgh | " | 30 | " | " | Transmitting his account for Contingent Expenses for the quarter ending March 31st. |
| " " " " " | " | 31 | " | 2 | Temporary postponement of the opening of Hiogo and Yedo. 1 Enclosure. |
| " " " " " | " | 32 | " | 3 | Relat: to the joint occupation and protection of Yokohama by the Representatives of the treaty Powers. 3 Enclosures. |
| " " " " " | " | 33 | " | 3 | Relating to the murderous attack upon Sir Harry Parkes the British Minister. 1 Enclosure. |
| " " " " " | " | 34 | " | 3 | Relating to the payment of claims for outrages committed by the Japanese on American citizens. 5 Enclosures. |
| " " " " " | " | 35 | " | 8 | Relating to the reparation for the murder of the French Sailors and Officers. 3 Enclosures. Details of the execution. |
| " " " " " | " | 36 | " | 8 | Relating to political affairs. Proclamation of the Mikado concerning the rebellion. |

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| H.B. Van Valkenburgh | 1868. June 5 | 37 | 1868 April 10 | Relating to Commercial matters at Hiogo. 2 Enclosures. |
| " " " | " " " | 38 | " " 14 | Political matters and military movements in Japan. |
| " " " | " " " | 39 | " " 18 | Relat. to further protection of Yokohama by the Foreign Representatives. 4 Enclosures. |
| " " " | " " " | 40 | " " 19 | Relat. to Japanese Officers to take charge of Yokohama. 4 enclosures. |
| " " " | " " " | 41 | " " 23 | Relat. to political matters. 1 Enclosure. |
| " " " | " " " | 42 | " " 24 | Transmitting a copy of a letter from the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Hawaii relating to a treaty to be concluded between the two Countries. 2 Enclosures. |
| " " " | " " " | 43 | " " 27 | Recommending that ground selected for Legation residence be returned. |
| " " " | " " " | 44 | " " 27 | Relating to the arrival of the 'Stonewall' and her remaining under the American flag. 4. Enclosures. |
| " " " | " " " | 45 | " " 27 | Relating to a claim of Belmore Snyder & Co. against the estate of the late Mr. J. Robertson. 3 Enclosures. |
| " " " | " " " | 46 | " " 27 | Relating to the interference of Japanese Officials in the case of the American Bark "Despatch" at Hiogo. |
| | | 47 | " " 28 | (Telegram). Arrival of "Stonewall". Has drawn on Baring Bros. for £.4.4.16 3/4 to pay her expenses. |
| " " " | July 18 | 48 | " " 20 | Same subject as No. 47.— Enclosing 2nd of bill for £ 701.0.10. being a share of the indemnity money ceed for the account of J. Robertson deceased. vide No. 34. |
| | 13 | 49 | May 12 | Passport issued to Mr. Schultze— |

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| R. B. Van Valkenburgh | 1865. July 13 | 50 | 1865 May 25 | Political affairs. |
| " " | 13 | 51 | " " 25 | Relative to a Joint Resolution which he supposes to have been passed for the payment out of the Japanese Indemnity for the damages to the Monitor |
| | 13 | 52 | " " 26 | The Japanese murderers of the Frenchmen at Sakai, Cannonized. |
| | 13 | 53 | 26 | American bark "Despatch" title No. 46. |
| | 13 | 54 | 29 | Coolie traffic in Japan. |
| | 13 | 55 | 30 | Action relative to the revived prohibition of Christianity in Japan. |
| | July 13 | 56 | June 4 | "Stonewall" Transmits accounts and drafts on Baring Bros & Co. for £7,125 14/4 for the defrayment of her expenses |
| | " " 13 | 57 | " " 4 | Political situation. |
| | | 58 | " 5 | Telegram. Officers and crew of "Stonewall" discharged. Request to have draft honored. |
| | " Sept. 1 | 59 | " " 14 | Political matters. |
| | " " 1 | 60 | " " 16 | Arrival of new Minister of France. |
| | | 1 61 | | 26 Political. Reject of the northern Coalition to proclaim the Mia Sama the Mikado. |
| | | 1 62 | July 1 | Transmits his accts. for 2nd. Qr. |
| A. L. Portman | " " 1 | 63 | " 1 | Transmits his accts. for 2nd. Qr. |
| R. B. Van Valkenburgh | 1 | 64 | " 1 | Transmits accts for Contingent Expenses. |
| " | 1 | 65 | " 3 | Views of the Old Government party in connection with the "Stonewall" |
| " | 1 | 66 | " 6 | Municipal affairs at Yokohama |

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| C. B. Van Valkenburgh | 1868 Sept: | 68 | 1868 July 13 | Attack on the temple of Wuyeno at Yedo; its destruction; escape of Mia Sama; Tycoon appoints a successor. |
| | | 67 | | Christianity in Japan |
| | | 69 | 13 | Joint conference of Foreign representatives & Minister for Foreign affairs- Political situation, Silk worms Eggs- Neegata- |
| | | 70 | | Recognition of U. S. Consul for Osacca and Hiogo- |
| | 1 | 71 | 18 | Temporary disturbance of currency- Heavy loss of exchange on Salaries. |
| | 1 | 72 | 21 | Transmitting map of flags and crests of the Daimios of Japan- |
| | 1 | 73 | 31 | Ask. Despatches- |
| | 1 | 74 | 21 | Military defence of Yokohama. |
| | 1 | 75 | 22 | Opening of Neegata for the purpose of importing Silkworm Eggs- Ref to the opening of Osacca & Yedo- |
| | 1 | 76 | 25 | Political- |
| | 1 | 77 | 25 | Transmitting order enjoining strict neutrality on Her Majestys subjects. |
| 1868 Oct- | 3 | 78 | 1868 Aug 3 | Osacca a port of entry. |
| | 3 | 79 | 10 | Sales of leases of land at Hiogo & Osacca |
| | 3 | 80 | 13 | Political- attempt of certain Japanese officials to take possession of the Stonewall. |
| | 3 | 87 | 14 | Arrival of Spanish Envoy for the purpose of entering into Treaty relations with Japan |
| | 3 | 82 | 15 | Light Houses- American tonnage now largely exceeds that of all other nationalities together |

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| L. Shw Yokohama | Oct 3 | 83 | 1868 Aug. 15 | Christianity in Japan. |
| " | " 3 | 84 | " " 19 | The local authorities at Yokohama apply for a revision of the duty on silk & tea in accordance with a provision of the Convention at Yedo. |
| " | " 3 | 85 | " " 20 | The Mia Sama has become the Mikado of the North, political, Continuance of civil war. |
| " | " 3 | 86 | " " 24 | Political & Local Matters. |
| | 3 | 87 | " " 24 | In regard to the French Satsu Indemnity. Financial embarrassment of the Mikados Government. |
| | | 88 | " " 26 | Telegram. Political. Tycoon Mikado, &c |
| | 3 | 89 | " " 26 | Foreign representatives to be invited to move their Legations to Osaca. |
| | | 90. | | Refers to his N. 82 concerning American Shipping at Yokohama. Light Houses; enclosing reports relating thereto. |
| Aus | 5 | 91. | Sept 9 | Transportation of rice from an open port to another. |
| | 5 | 92. | " " 11 | Insult to the Russian Chargé d'Affaires & apology. |
| | 5 | 93 | " " 12 | Official announcement of the formation of the Northern Confederation. |
| | 5 | 94 | " " 17 | Political |
| | 5 | 95. | " " 17 | Intention of the Mikado to change his residence to Yedo. |
| | 5 | 96 | " " 18 | Coasting trade by the British vessel "Scioto" |
| | 5 | 97 | " " 18 | "Stonewall" & neutrality. |

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| Mr. VanValkenburgh | 1868 Nov. 5 | 98 | 1868 Sept. 19 | Supposed blockade of west coast. |
| | 5 | 99 | 25 | Political. |
| | 5 | 100 | 27 | Departure from Yedo of Idzugawa who disclaims any further connection with foreign affairs. |
| | 9 | 101 | 27 | Latest political. Telegram. |
| | Dec. 14 | 102 | Oct. 1 | Acch for salary for third quarter. |
| Mr. Portman | 14 | 103 | 1 | Acch for salary for third quarter |
| Mr. VanValkenburgh | 4 | 104 | 1 | Acch for contingent expenses. |
| | 7 | 105 | 15 | Promotion of the Dutch representative. |
| | 7 | 106 | 22 | Claims of Marks Mc against Japanese Government. |
| | 7 | 107 | 23 | Recommending Mr Stahels application for leave of absence. |
| | 7 | 108 | 23 | Political. |
| | 7 | 109 | 24 | Acknowledging despatches |
| | 7 | 110 | 26 | Alleged coronation of Mikado. |
| 1869 Jany. | 111 | Nov. | 2 | Claim of Drake & Catlin for alleged damage to their Steamer "Monitor" in Japan |
| | 6 | 112 | 4 | Canonization of the Tosa men who murdered the Frenchmen at Sakai, March 1868. |
| | 6 | 113 | 6 | Extract of Departmental despatches furnished to Consul at Shanghai in case of Steamer "Lancefield" |
| | 6 | 114 | 7 | Political. |
| | 6 | 115 | 11 | Treaty concluded between Sweden & Norway & Japan |

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| Mr. Van Valkenburgh | 1869. Jany 6 | 116 | 1868 Nov. 11 | "Stonewall" expenditure during 5 months Ending 5th Nov. Draft on London for £3-25 17/11 |
| " " " | 6 | 117 | " " 17 | Paper currency. |
| " " " | 6 | 118 | " 19 | Approval of the appt. of Dr Harris as Acting Deputy Consul at Kanagawa. |
| | 6 | 119 | " 20 | Political, Military & Religious |
| " " " | 6 | 120 | " 23 | Rumor of a great Northern Victory |
| " " " | 6 | 121 | " 23 | Coolie vessel "Cayallé" at Hakodaté |
| " " " | 6 | 122 | " " 24 | Largely increased production of tea & exportation to the United States anticipated |
| " " " | 6 | 123 | " 24 | Murder at Hiogo of a Japanese officer by a Sailor belonging to the American Ship "King Philip". |
| " " " | 6 | 124 | " " 24 | Heavy gales. Loss of Japanese Steamers. Three more purchased at Nagasaki. |
| | 6 | 125 | " " 25 | Kiotio Micado alleged to have passed through Kanagawa on the way to Yedo. |
| | | 126 | " 25 | Ackdg rect of despatches |
| " " Feby | 15 | 127 | Dec 3 | Despatches from the Department missing. |
| " " " | 15 | 128 | " " 4 | Political |
| " " " | 14 | 129 | " " 5 | Case of the Coolie vessel "Cayallé" at the port of Hakodate (vide No. 121.) |
| " " " | 14 | 130 | " " 14 | Certain Islands taken by the forces of the late Government. Premature announcement of the restoration of peace. |

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| Mr. Van Valkenburgh | 1869 Feby. 14 | 131 | 1868 Dec. 16. | Political (vide Nos. 121. 129.) |
| | 14 | 132 | 18 | Case of the Coolie Vessel Cayalte at Hakodate. |
| | 14 | 133 | 18 | Missing despatches from the Department. |
| | 14 | 134 | 18 | Certain Islands taken by the Tokugawa forces |
| | 14 | 135 | 19 | Political |
| | 14 | 136 | 21 | Application for letter of Credence |
| | 14 | 137 | 21 | Application for Leave of absence |
| | 14 | 138 | 24 | English, Russian & American Ministers Views on neutrality. |
| | 14 | 139 | 24 | Yedo and Neegata to be opened on the 1st January 869. Recommendation that a salaried Vice Consul be appointed for Consular District of Kanagawa |
| | 14 | 140 | 27. | Military Situation. |
| " | March 25 | 141. | 31 | Enclosing accounts. |
| Mr. Portman | 25 | 142 | 31 | Enclosing accounts. |
| Mr. Van Valkenburgh | 25 | 143 | 13 | Enclosing accounts for Contingent expenses. |
| " | 25 | 144 | 31 | Enclosing list of dispatches sent from the Legation during the past year. |
| | 125 | | | List of persons employed in the Legation. |
| | 25 | 1 | 1869 Jany. 2 | Opening of Yedo. |
| | 25 | 2 | 2 | Current events & alleged political Status of the Mikado. |
| | 25 | 3 | 7 | Audience of the Mikado. |
| | 25 | 4 | 16 | Large increase of trade in Japan. Public expenditures for Legation and Consulates. |
| | 25 | 5 | 21 | Departure of the Mikado for Kioto. |

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| Mr. Van Valkenburgh | 1869. March 25 | 6 | 1869 Jany 22. | Mr. N.E. Rice appointed temporarily U.S. Consular Agent at Nagata. |
| . . . | 25 | 7 | . . 26 | Relative to the detention of Commander George Brown of the 'Stonewall'. |
| . . . | 25 | 8 | . . 27 | Persecution of native Christians to cease. |
| . . . | 25 | 9 | . . 28 | Political and relating to neutrality. |
| . . . | 25 | 10 | . . 30 | Commission to make a treaty for the Hawaiian Government returned. |
| . . | April 22 | N | . Feby 2 | Transmitting proceedings in the case of A.B. Ford. convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to imprisonment. |
| . . | 22 | 12 | . . 9 | Withdrawal of neutrality. 'Stonewall' to be delivered. |
| . . | 22 | 13 | . . 10 | Relating to treatment of native converts to Christianity. |
| . . | 22 | 14 | . . 16 | Japanese proposal to revise the treaty and abolition of the fundamental law of Japan. |
| . . . | 22 | 15 | . . 23 | Affairs at the North. Total loss of the Amer. Steamer 'Hermana'. |
| . . | 22 | 16 | . March 1 | Transmitting Memorial of American Merchants for the establishment of a Consulate Genl. at Yokohama. |
| . . | 17 | . | . . 1 | 'Stonewall' to be soon delivered and amt due U.S. to be paid. |
| . . | 18 | . | . . 2 | Discontinuance of persecution of native Christians. |
| . May | 7 | 19 | . | 8 'Stonewall' paid for and delivered. Remits draft for $ 116.160 47/100 Currency. |
| . . | 7 | 20 | . . | 8 Treaty concluded between North Germany & Japan |

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| Mr Van Valkenburgh | 1869 May 7 | 21 | 1869 March 9 | Coffee (coffee) to be freely bought and exported in future. |
| . | . 7 | 22 | . . 27 | Commander Geo. Brooks accounts of Stonewall entirely approved by Japanese government. |
| . | . 7 | 23 | . . 30 | Transmitting letter from Prime Minister announcing the Marriage of the Tycoon (Mikado) |
| . | . . 7 | 24 | . . 30 | Current political events. |
| . | . . 7 | 25 | . April 1 | Enclosing accounts. |
| Mr Portman | . . 7 | 26 | . . 1 | Enclosing accounts. |
| Mr Van Valkenburgh. | . . | 27 | . 1 | Enclosing accts for contingent expenses. |
| . | . . 31 | 28 | 14 | Readjustment desired by Japan of the treaty duty (silk) and tea. |
| . | . . 31 | 29 | . . 20 | Light houses in Japan. |
| . | . . 31 | 30 | . . 27 | Relative to the treatment of native converts to Christianity. |
| | 31 | 31 | 28 | The Mikados approaching return to Yedo- and latest rumors in Japan. |
| . | . . 31 | 32 | 29 | Political events. |
| . | . June 28 | 33 | . May 5 | Same. |
| . | . . 28 | 34 | . . 10 | Return of the Mikado to Yedo. |
| | 28 | 35 | 13 | Victory of the old government forces- Naval engagement- Attempt to cut out the Stonewall. |
| . | . 28 | 36 | . . 20 | Insults offered to British subjects and outrages committed upon French subjects by Japanese. |
| . | . 28 | 37 | . . 21 | Alleged persecution of converts to the Roman Catholic faith. |
| . | . . 28 | 38 | . . 25 | Murder of a Japanese officer. Weakness of the Mikados authority. |

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| R. B. Van Valkenburgh | 1869. June 25 | 39 | 1869 May 28 | Irregularity in Postal arrangements. |
| | 25 | 40 | " 29 | Political. Anti-foreign movement. |
| | July 29 | 41 | June 3 | Bark "Cayalti" at Hakodate. |
| | 29 | 42 | " 10 | Duty on silk and tea seized in connection with balance on Simonoseki indemnity of $150.000. |
| | 29 | 43 | " 23 | Political. |
| C. E. De Long. | | — | " 25 | Accepting appointment of Minister |
| Mr. Van Valkenburgh | 29 | 44 | " 28 | War in Japan. |
| | 29 | 45 | " 28 | Application made for signatures for Messrs Lyon and Shepard. |
| | August 28 | 46.47&48 | July 1 | Enclosing accounts. |
| | 28 | 49 | " 1 | Dr. Harris Salary as Marshal and Consul at Yokohama. |
| | 28 | 50 | " 6 | Relative to balance of Simonoseki indemnity. |
| | 28 | 51 | " 15 | Military situation |
| | 28 | 52 | " 17 | Same. |
| | 28 | 53 | " 17 | Financial embarrassments of the Japanese Government. |
| | 28 | 54 | " 18 | Remonstrance against an exhibition of anti-foreign feeling. |
| | 28 | 55 | " 20 | Admission of Japanese students at the Naval Academy at Annapolis. |
| | 28 | 56 | " 21 | Alleged seizure of American steamer "Peiho" |
| | 28 | 57 | " 22 | Relative to the silk culture in Japan. |
| | | 58 | " 23 | Trade of Yokohama during 1868. |

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| Mr. Van Valkenburg | 1869 Aug 28 | 59 | 1869 July 28 | | Political. |
| . | . Sept 28 | 60 | . August 26 | | Reduction of debased coin. |
| . | . 28 | 61 | . . 28 | | Political. |
| . | . Oct. 28 | 62 | . September 5 | | Silk growing in Japan. |
| . | . . " | 63 | . . | 11 | Enclosing receipt for £1340 7/6 repayment for a XV inch gun purchased by the Japanese government. |
| . | . . 28 | 64 | . . | 12 | Notice to Mariners. |
| . | . Nov. 30 | 64 | . Oct. | 1 | Enclosing accounts for salary |
| . | . . 30 | 65 | . . | 1 | Mr. Portman's accounts for salary |
| . | . Oct 28 | 65 | . Sept. | 20 | Seizure of the Am: Steamer "Peiho" by the Japanese. Her early release anticipated. |
| . | . . 28 | 66 | . . | 22 | Political. Reported seizure by Russia of Saghalien. |
| C. E. DeLong | . . . | ___ | . Oct. | 1. | Returns duplicate letter of Credit and announces time of his departure. |
| R. B. Van Valkenburgh | | 67 | . . | 9 | Postal matters. |
| . | . . 30 | 68 | | 5 | Arrival of Austrian Mission in Japan. Treaties negotiated with China & Siam. Mail steamers to be established between Austria, China, and Japan. |
| . | . Nov 30 | 69 | . . | 10 | Amer. Steamer "Peiho" released and returned to owner (see No 65.) |
| | | 70 | . . | 10 | Enclosing notice to mariners. |
| . | . . 30 | 76 | . . | 12 | Japanese expedition to Saghalien. Russian aggression on that Island. (See No. 66.) |
| . | . . 30 | 72 | . . | 15 | Political; Commercial relations with Foreigners & Natives. Attack upon the British Minister in Yedo. |

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| R. B. Van Valkenburgh | 1869. Nov 30 | 73 | 1869. Oct 22 | Conclusion of a treaty between Austria and Japan. & apptt of an acting Representative by the former. |
| " " | 30 | 74 | " " | 22 Incidents attending the visit of the duke of Edinburgh at Yedo. |
| " " | 30 | 75 | " " | 24 Japanese agents to proceed to Hawaii, to inquire into treatment of Coolies. |
| " " | 30 | 76 | " " | 27 Entertainment given in honor of the Mikado's birthday. |
| C. E. De Long | " " | 30 | 77 | " " 30 Announcing arrival at Yokohama. |
| Mr Van Valkenburg | 1870 Jan. | 3 | 78 | Nov. 13 Legation transferred to Mr De Long. & letter of recall presented. |
| " " " | " " | — | " | " 30 Inclosing account for salary. |
| C. E. De Long | " " | 3 | 79 | " " 1 Inclosing accounts. |
| " " | 3 | 80 | " " | 13 Incidents attending his presentation. |
| " " | 3 | 81 | " " | 17 Legation residence. Jail. Hospital. Post office. Instructions to Naval Officers. Light-Houses. claims. |
| " " | 3 | 82 | " " | 18 Circulars received. |
| " " | 3 | 83 | " " | 20 Relative to the bark Cayalti (see previous dispatches) |
| " " | 3 | 84 | " " | 26 Political. The Mikado issues a Decree pardoning the Tycoon &c |
| | | 85 | Dec. | 13 Readjustment of duty on silk & tea in connection with retention of payment of balance of Simonoseki indemnity. |
| | | 86 | " " | 14 Coal when exported in steamers to be duty free. |

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| C.E. De Long | 1870 Feby 1 | 87 | 1869 Dec. 21 | Stop to be put to illicit trading at non open ports by foreigners. |
| . | . . 1 | 88 | . . 27 | Submits statement of affairs of the Legation and in general bearing upon relations of U.S. in Japan. |
| . | . . 1 | 89 | . . 28 | Political. |
| . | . . 1 | 90 | . . 31 | Accounts. |
| | | 91 | . . 31 | Accounts. |
| | | 92 | . . 31 | Accounts. |
| | | 93 | . . 31 | Personnel of Legation. |
| | | 94 | . . 31 | List of dispatches forwarded to Dept |
| | | 1 | 1870 Jany 2. | Passport returns. |
| | | 2 | . . 3 | Enclosing light house notice. |
| | | 3 | . . 3 | No hostilities intended on part of Japan towards Russians who are said to have fortified themselves on the Southern coast of Sagalien ? |
| | | 4 | . . 4 | Rel to decision of C. at Nagasaki thro' which Elias Solman has lost his right of residence in Japan. |
| | | 5 | . . 7 | Enclosing notice to mariners. |
| | | 6 | . . 10 | Rel to the steamer "Nautilus" said to have been sold to a Japanese prince and flying the American flag. |
| | | 7 | . . 11 | Northern boundary of Japan. Sagalien. |
| | | 8 | . . 13 | Exportation of rice from Neegata prohibited |
| | | 9 | . . 14 | Acct. for flag and flag staff. |
| | | 10 | . . 17 | Japanese report of treatment of native Christians. |

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| G. F. Seward | 1870. Feby 24 | 11 | 1870 Jany 19. | Rel. to construction of a lighthouse for the safety of our commerce in Japanese waters- Reporting loss of the British bark Elleray. |
| | | 12 | . . 20 | Relative to a rail road grant obtained by Secretary of Legation from former Japanese government. |
| | | 13 | . . 22 | Deportation of 3170 native Christians in opposition to the apparently successful remonstrance of representatives of treaty powers in Japan |
| | | 14 | . . 22 | Political-expulsion of native christians &c |
| | | 15 | . 22 | Passport issued - |
| | | 16 | . 23 | Rel. to expulsion of native christians from Japanese districts. |
| | | 17 | . Feby. 1 | Loss of the "Oneida" in consequence of collision with English mail steamer "Bombay". |
| | | 18 | . 1 | Telegram communicating same. |
| | | 19 | . 3 | Light-Houses in Japan. |
| | | 20 | . 10 | Christianity in Japan. The Japanese government dislike foreign missionaries they consider christianity aggressive, and are determined to put down proselytism at all hazards. |
| | | 21 | . . 12 | Requisiton for stationery and a seal press. |
| | | 22 | . 21 | General uneasiness in Japan. Various local disturbances and riots |

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| C.E. DeLong | 1870 March 28 | 23 | 1870 Feby 22 | Loss of the U.S.S. Oneida by collision with the British mail steamer Bombay in the evening of the 24 January 1870 in the Bay of Yedo. Proceedings of the naval court of inquiry. |
| | | 24 | . . 22 | Discontinuance of attaché or private Secy. |
| | | 25 | . . 23 | Loss of the U.S.S. "Oneida." Propriety of retaining and criminally prosecuting Capt Eyre & his officers informally pointed out to H.B.M's Minister |
| | | 26 | . March 4 | Arrival of a powerful ironclad for the Prince of Bingo. Another on the way to Japan. |
| | | 27 | . . ) | Transmitting list of officers and men of the Russian Corvette by whose aid he was able to survey the wreck of the "Oneida" |
| | | 28 | . . 9 | Rel. to postponement of payment of the balance of the Simonoseki indemnity. Joint action of representatives of Treaty powers. |
| | | 29 | . . 14 | Louis Wertheimer, plaintiff vs. Morris Roeflich & Simon Myers Defendants- Petition in Error- Judgement of Consular Court at Kanagawa reversed and a new trial directed. |
| | | 30 | . " 21 | Bankrupt estate of Schaman Bros. Investigation of charges of fraud &c against Mr Samuel Lyon, U.S.C. & N.W. Dennison Marshal at Yokohama |
| | | 31 | . . 22 | Political. |
| | | 32 | . Apr. 1 | Accounts |
| | | 33 | . . 1 | Accounts |
| | | 34 | . 1 | Accounts. |

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| C.E. De Long | 1870 May 21 | 35. | 1870 April 2 | Missing telegrams. |
| | | 36 | " 4 | Light house notice. |
| | | 37 | " 5 | Neegata - mode of appt. of Consular Agents - Mr N.E. Rice declined & Mr S.R. Rice appt. C. Agt at that place. Neegata a treaty port but inaccessible to ships - no American residents and no trade there. |
| | | 38 | " 6 | Enclosing copy of Treaty between Japan & Austro-Hungarian Empire. |
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| | 137 | 20 | Assault upon Messrs Dallas and King. two British subjects, by a Japanese Correspondence relative to. | | |
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| | 141 | 28 | Consular Court regulations. | | |
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| | 143 | Feb. 12 | Hiogo and Osaca. Vice Consul at. recognized | | |
| | 144 | 13 | Letters of recredence. Propriety of being furnished with. | | |
| | 145 | 13 | Consular Courts. Requests instructions as to charges in. Mention made of case of A.C. Deane. Amer. Consul at Hakodadi rel. to. | | |
| | 146 | 14 | Claim of E.M. Van Reed agst Japanese Govt. for passing laws, which in their effect injures his business. Rights of Amer. Citizens doing business in Japan. Asks instructions what course to pursue in similar cases. | | |
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| | 165 | 10 | Contingent fund of Legation. Increase asked for & reasons given. | | |
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| | 170 | 14 | Treaties and Conventions with Japan by Christian Powers. Has subscribed for six copies of. | | |
| | 171 | 16 | Amakusa Island. Japanese Govt. consent that it be regarded as within treaty limits. | | |
| | 172 | 16 | Transfer of lots to U.S. for naval & other purposes by Japanese Authorities in Yokohama | | |
| | 173 | 17 | Claim of Walsh Hall & Co. agst Japan for loss of property at Nugata. Doubts validity of and forwards papers in case to Dept for its decision. | | |
| | 174 | 17 | Assassination of one of the Mikados Councillors of State | | |
| | 175 | 22 | Stationery for Legation requested. | | |
| | — | 22 | Oath and bond of Chas Shephard duly signed. Returns | | |
| A. L. C. Portman | — | April 1 | Account of salary | | |
| Chas E. De Long. | Telegram | 17 | "Consul Shephards bond and oath by next American mail. Send commission immediately" | | |
| | 176 | 18 | Claim of Wm Thomas Begley. Has fulfilled Depts instruction rel. to. Ack. Depts 57 to 61. | | |
| | 177 | 18 | Charges agst Consul E. C. Rice made by Consul Dunn. and charges agst Consul Dunn by Consul Rice. Reports proceedings under Depts dispatch No 59. in relation to. | | |
| | 178 | 18 | Death of Lemuel Lyon. late Consul at Kanagawa. Consulate placed in charge of C. O. Shephard. | | |
| | 179 | 18 | Dock yards at Yokasuka. Opening of. by Japanese authorities | | |
| | 180 | 18 | Mint at Osaka. Opening of by Japanese authorities. Presence of the Diplomatic Corps. Excursion visit interior of Japan | | |
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| | 183 | May 8 | Blank forms. Requested | | |
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| | 189 | 16 | Reception of Japanese officials in Washington. Thanks of Japanese Govt. for. | | |
| | 190 | 16 | Introducing Japanese students to Secretary of State. | | |
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| | 192 | 17 | Hakodadi. Appt of Mr Nathan Rice as Vice Consul at. Suspension of Mr Dunne. Ack. Depts 67. | | |
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| | 194 | 20 | Assault on Messrs Dallas and King by Japanese soldiers. Their trial and execution. Termination of the affair. | | |
| | 195 | 21 | Customs service of Japan. Request of Finance Dept that U. S. Sec'y of State will select two American citizens to conduct & manage the. | | |
| | 196 | 21 | Departure of German and English Ministers for Europe | | |
| | 197 | June 6 | Lawsuit pending in Ministerial Court bet. Geo. Wilkins Lake, pltff and Willis P. Hunguem. U. S. Consul at Nagasaki. Requests instructions from Dept as to jurisdiction of Court. | | |
| | 198 | 6 | Despatches 68 and 74. Ack'd | | |
| | 199 | 6 | Stationery for Leg. requested. Audubons books not received | | |
| | 200 | 12 | Letter of Credence as E. E and M. P. Presentation of to Japanese Govt. Encloses speeches made upon the occasion. | | |
| | 201 | 13 | Marine notice | | |
| J. C. Hepburn, Comm'd Interpreter to Leg. Apl. 6. 1871. but declined June 15. | — | 15 | Interpreter to Leg. Declining appointment as. | | |
| C. E. De Long. | 202 | 16 | Interpreter to Leg. Enclosing letter of J. C. Hepburn declining appt. as. and recommending that he be compensated for time he acted as. | | |
| | 203 | 17 | Laws of U. S. relating to its officers and citizens in Japan. Calls attention to defects in. Recommends certain changes in. Suggests he should visit Washington and confer in person upon, and also as to revision of treaties with Japan. | | |
| | | 19 | Visit to Washington of Mr De Long. Urges the necessity of. | | |
| | 204 | 19 | Claim of Japan agst. U. S. for certain land rents in which Mr Portman is concerned. Calls Dept. attention to his 138 relating to, and recommends payment of. | | |
| | 205 | 19 | Murder of E. King. a British subject at Neegata by a Japanese | | |
| | 206 | 19 | Hakodadi Consulate. N. E. Rice in possession. J. Dana makes additional charges against E. E. Rice. Minister will investigate same. | | |
| | 207 | July 2 | Despatches 76 to 89. Ack'd No. 75. not received. | | |
| | 208 | 2 | Coinage in Japan. New rules adopted by Japanese Govt. in rel. to. | | |
| | 209 | 2 | Nagasaki. Approving absence of Consul from his post at. | | |
| | 210 | 4 | Consular Courts. Has instructed U. S. Consuls not to charge Japanese litigants any costs in. | | |
| | 211 | 4 | Revision of treaty bet. U. S. and Japan. Has notified Japan that a revision will be asked by U. S. Govt. | | |
| | 212 | 5 | Rail Road grant to Mr Portman by Japan. Requests Dept. to reply to his No. 73. relating to. | | |
| | 213 | 6 | Visit of Japanese Embassy to Peking to negotiate a treaty with China. They will not make a treaty offensive and defensive. Has given Letters to Messrs Low and Seward. | | |

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| | 215 | 7 | Murder of E. King at Arcigata by a Japanese. Effort made to arrest his assassin. | | |
| | 216 | 11 | Letter of credit for native clerks salary received. Act. 85 from Dept. | | |
| | 217 | 11 | Accounts. Expenses, salary and contingent | | |
| | 218 | 14 | Imprisonment of Mr. A. L. C. Portman for contempt of Court, in refusing to deliver title deed to land claimed as belonging to U. | | |
| | 219 | 15 | Law Officer for Japan. Request of Japanese Govt. that U. S. Secretary of State designate a proper person as. Importance of the position | | |
| | 220 | 16 | Claim of Walsh Hall & Co. agt Japan. They demand to have certain monies exchanged by Japanese Govt. Claim rejected by U. S. Min | | |
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| | 222 | 17 | Right of foreigners to trade with Daimios. How claims of foreigners against Japanese are enforced. Comments upon the system. | | |
| | 223 | 17 | Deportation of Geo. H. Lake. Demand made by Govr of Nagasaki for on account of certain crimes of which he was convicted in Ministerial Court. also payment of debts due Japanese. Enc. Letter from Mr O. Mangum in rel. to. & instructions to Mr Mangum in reply. | | |
| | 224 | 20 | Works of Audubon received and presented to Japanese Govt. | | |
| | 225 | 20 | Kanagawa. Appt. of Geo. H. Mitchell as V. Consul at. Approved. | | |
| | 226 | 20 | Tidal Wave and typhoon at Kobe in Japan. Account of. | | |
| A. L. C. Portman | — | 21 | Difficulty bet. Mr Portman and Minister De Long. Recites his grievances and request Dept. to interfere in his behalf. | | |
| C. E. De Long. | 227 | Aug 2 | Despatches from Dept. 90 to 92 and Circulars 9 and 11. Acknd | | |
| | 228 | 3 | Customs service of Japan. Further advices from Japanese Govt in regard to employing an American Superintendent. Ack. Dept | | |
| | 229 | 16 | Ceremonial letter from the Tenno of Japan to President of U. S. Enclosed | | |
| | 230 | 17 | Sub-marine cable. Application of Asiatic Commercial Company to Japanese Govt. through Amer. Minister for permission to land at certain points in Japan. Request is granted. Will not proceed to obtain a specific grant until instructed by Dept. | | |
| | 231 | 21 | Japan and Hawaii. Has been empowered by and concluded a Treaty of Amity and Commerce between. Encloses copy of Treaty. | | |
| | 232 | 21 | Extradition treaty bet Japan and U. S. Japanese Govt. proposes a | | |
| | 233 | 21 | Political. Official changes in Japan. Effect of them. Country tranq | | |
| | 234 | 27 | Passport returns. | | |
| | 235 | 30 | Claim of F. C. Farrington agt Japan for violation of contract. Reports having succeeded in effecting an adjustment of. | | |
| | 236 | 31 | Rinderpest. Proceedings in connection with. Decree of Japan relative to same. | | |
| | 237 | 31 | Despatches from Dept 93 to 95. Acknd | | |
| | 238 | Sep 4 | Political. Important political changes effected in Japan. Abolition of rank of Daimios. Change of Foreign Ministers. | | |
| | 239 | 4 | Arrival of Genl. Capron and his assistants composing the Scientific Commission. Their friendly reception by Japanese. Situation and prospects of Commission. | | |
| | 240 | 4 | Departure of U. S. Min. to Hakodadi for the purpose of investigating charges made by A. C. Dunn agt. E. E. Rice about title to lands; also to investigate conduct of Mr Dunn while Consul at Hakodadi. Appoints C. A. Longfellow as Secretary. Leaves C. O. Shepherd to act as Chargé during his absence. | | |
| Charles O Shepherd. Consul at Kanagawa. Acted as Chargé d'Affrs ad int. from Sep. 6. to Nov 8. 1871 & from Jan 31. 1871. to Aug 10. 1872. | 1 | 6 | Notice of having assumed charge of Legation. | | |

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| | 3 | 20 | Currency of Japan. Amendatory notification concerning. | | |
| | 4 | 20 | Visit of Mr De Long to Hakodadi. Enc. extracts of a letter from. rel. to. | | |
| Chas E. De Long. | 241 | Oct 8 | Secretary and Interpreter to the Leg. Urges the importance of appt. of. Mr Rice will accompany him to Yedo and act as Interpreter. | | |
| | 242 | 8 | Hakodadi. E.E. Rice having left for U.S. and N.E. Rice resigned, has nominated Geo. E. Rice as Acting V. Consul at. Recommends his appt. as Consul at. | | |
| | 243 | 8 | Hakodadi. Has concluded examination of affairs of Consulate at. and adjourned to obtain further proofs at Yokohama in relation to. Makes a tour in Yezo. Describes the country, its resources &c | | |
| Chas. O. Shepherd | 5 | 17 | Despatches from Dept. 94 to 101. Ackd | | |
| | 6 | 21 | Deportation of J. W. Lake. Issues an order, blaying an order issued by Consul Mangum decreeing the. and asks approval of Dept. | | |
| | 7 | 27 | Despatches from Dept. 102 to 110. Ackd | | |
| Chas E. De Long. | 244 | Nov. 8 | Title of A. L. C. Portman to lot 97 at Yokohama. Reports his proceedings in having title affirmed to Mr Portman as instructed in Dept. 110. | | |
| | 245 | 8 | Protection of U.S. to firms and copartnerships composed of individuals citizens and subjects of different powers. Reply to Dept. 108. rel. to | | |
| | 246 | 12 | Return to Yokohama. Honors paid to American flag by Russian and French Naval Officers. Description of journey through Nipon. | | |
| | 247 | 13 | Thanks of Japan for certain mail facilities extended to it by U.S. | | |
| | 248 | 17 | Audience given Naval Officers by the Mikado. Efforts made to induce him to visit U.S. fleet. He declines invitation, but promises that the U.S. fleet will be the first to be visited by the Emperor | | |
| | 249 | 18 | Return of Japanese Embassy from China. A Treaty concluded but not yet made public. Enc. note from Mr Low. rel. to contents. | | |
| | 250 | 20 | Selection of Americans for service under Japanese Govt. Has received private advices that Mr Geo F. Seward is to assist Japan in revision of treaties and Mr Saville to be Commissioner of Customs. | | |
| | 251 | 22 | Embassy from Japan to America and Europe to sail on 22d Dec. next. He proposes to accompany them to Washington. | | |
| | 252 | 22 | Accounts. | | |
| | 253 | 29 | Thanksgiving. Notification issued by Mon. for its observance | | |
| | 254 | 29 | Coinage. Enclosing further notice issued by Japan correcting table of. | | |
| | 255 | Dec 6 | Takes leave of the Mikado. Presentation of Mr C. O. Shepherd as Chargé. Enclosing copies of addresses. | | |
| | 256 | 18 | Foreign Office of Japan. Appt. of Shio Shii Shoshiura as head of. vice Enahura promoted. | | |
| | 257 | 18 | Claim of Shultze Ress & Co agst Japan for money advanced. Claim paid by Japanese Govt. | | |
| | 258 | 21 | Present to U.S. of a box of paintings by Japanese Govt. Forwarded | | |
| | 259 | 21 | Claim of Walsh, Hall & Co. agst. Japan for money loaned. Payment made by Japanese Govt. His reasons for presenting the same without previous reference to Dept. | | |
| | 260 | 21 | Charges made by Geo. W. Lake agst. Willis P. Mangum. Report of proceedings taken and judgments rendered in the actions of law growing out of. | | |
| | 261 | 21 | Audience with the Tycoon. Object of Japanese Embassy to U.S. discussed. Mr De Long presents him with a writing case | | |
| | 262 | 21 | Title of A. L. C. Portman to lot No 97 at Yokohama. Reports further proceedings relative to. Mr Portman makes a claim agst Min. for $749.50 | | |
| | 263 | 22 | Charges and counter charges of A. C. Dunn & E. A. Rice. Forwarding testimony taken in examination of. | | |

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| Chas E. De Long | 264 | Dec 22 | Claim of Japanese Govt. against E. A. Rice for articles furnished. Encloses copy of a note from Japanese Min^r relating to. | | |
| C. O. Shepard. Chargé | 8 | 23 | Assumes charge of Legation. | | |
| | 9 | 26 | Accounts of Mr De Long. | | |
| | 10 | 31 | Personnel of Legation | | |
| | 11 | 31 | Despatches. List of. sent during past year | | |
| | | 1872 | | | |
| | 12 | Jan. 6 | Despatches from Dept. 119 to 122. Ackd. | | |
| | 13 | 10 | Flags for Lg. Requisition for. | | |
| | 14 | 13 | Passports issued. | | |
| | 15 | 23 | Visit of the Mikado to Govt. Dockyards at Yokoska. | | |
| | 16 | 23 | Uprising of Japanese peasants agst. telegraphic improvements | | |
| | 17 | 23 | Rice. Exportation of. permitted by Japanese Authorities. | | |
| | 18 | Feb. 12 | Despatches from Dept 123 to 127. Ackd. | | |
| | 19 | 17 | New Years reception of Foreign Reps. by Mikado. | | |
| | 20 | 19 | Interpreters to Legations in China and Japan. Concerning the appointment of young men as | | |
| | 21 | 24 | Yedo. Appt. of Mr Heiler to be Consul at. Urges the payment of his salary until he closes the Consulate. Has not yet rec^d instructions | | |
| | 22 | 26 | Exportation of Rice by Japan. Opposition of Foreign Representatives | | |
| Chas. E. De Long | — | March 1 | Interpreter to Legation. Advising Dept of the nomination of N. E. Rice as | | |
| Chas. O Shepard | 23 | 15 | Yedo Reasons for having appointed an Acting U.C. at. and requests | | |
| Chas. E. De Long | | 11 | Legation Rent of. Requests that an allowance of $500 be inserted in the act providing for the payment of- that he may be paid. | | |
| | 24 | 16 | Despatches. Last mail brought no letters from Dept. | | |
| | 25 | 22 | Pardon of the late Tycoon and Admiral Enomoto by Japanese Govt. | | |
| | 26 | 29 | Despatches from Dept. 128 & 129. ack^d | | |
| | 27 | 30 | Exchange of Documents with Japanese Govt. Difficulty of-, as there is no public libraries and but few State papers in Japan | | |
| Nathan E. Rice, Comm^d Interpreter to Leg. Mch 21, 1872 still in office - | — | April 1 | Interpreter to Leg. Accepting appointment as. Encloses his oath of office. Returns letter of credit. | | |
| | | 6 | Letter of credit. Encloses Certf. as to former and ack. Dept. Dispatch of 6^th | | |
| Chas. O. Shepard | 28 | 10 | Kioto Exhibition. Admission of foreigners. Its object & effect Rules and Regulations enclosed. | | |
| | 29 | 11 | Attempted assassination of the Tenno. Dissatisfaction among certain religious classes the cause of. Stability of the Govt. | | |
| | 30 | 13 | Fire at Yedo. Disastrous consequences of - 6000 houses destroyed 50 000 persons houseless | | |
| | 31 | 15 | China and Japan. Treaty bet. Encloses copy of Correspondence with Min. for Foreign Affrs rel to 2^d Clause meaning an alliance offensive and defensive between the two Powers. | | |
| | 32 | 16 | Japan. List of districts into which it is divided. Manner of appointing the Governors. | | |
| | 33 | 16 | Consular jails. proposed building of. Approval of Mr Mitchells action in rel. to | | |
| | 34 | 17 | Accounts | | |
| | 35 | 20 | Instruction requested as to reporting local matters to Dept. | | |
| | 36 | 20 | Tea districts of Japan. - Proposes to visit them during coming months. | | |
| C E De Long | — | 267 - - - | 28 Revision of treaty bet. U.S. and Japan. Suggests certain changes in. | | |
| C. E. De Long. | — | 29 | Japan Observations on protocol of treaty bet. U.S. and - | | |
| N. E. Rice | Telegram | 29 | Leave of absence. requested for 6 days. | | |
| Chas. O. Shepard | 37 | May 3 | Hiogo - Ack. receipt of flags and commission for Consul at. | | |
| N. E. Rice | — | 13 | Mission of certain Japanese to U.S. Rumors as to the object of. | | |
| Chas. O. Shepard. | 38 | 16 | Yedo. Consulate at. Refers to his 28 for explanation of his action in appointing a vice Consul at. | | |
| | 39 | 18 | Visit to tea districts of Japan. Will forward report of | | |

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| C. O. Shepard | 40 | May 18. | Deserters from naval vessels. Powers of naval officers to arrest. Difference between U.S.C at Kanagawa and Admiral Rogers Enc. Correspondence rel. to. | | |
| | 41 | 18 | Simonoseki Indemnity. Japanese Govt request delay in payment of same until after negotiations with U.S. Govt are concluded. | | |
| | 42 | 25 | Despatches from Dept. 6 and 9. Octo | | |
| | 43 | 25 | Japanese Embassy to Washington. Power conferred upon by Japanese Govt. to conclude a treaty with U.S. revising the present one. | | |
| | 44 | June 10 | G. Britain. Envoy appointed to. by Japanese Govt. Minister of same grade appointed to U.S. | | |
| | 45 | 13 | Rail road bet Yokohama and Yedo. Opening of. distance 17½ miles | | |
| Nathan E. Rice | — | 13 | Leave of absence requested for seven days | | |
| C. O. Shepard | 46 | 16 | Presentation of Admiral Jenkins U.S. Navy to the Tenno - English French and Russian Chargés refuse to be presented unless received by the Tenno standing. | | |
| | 47 | 18 | English language. Encloses note to Japanese Min. of Foreign Affrs upon the advisibility of the Tenno's acquiring a knowledge of. | | |
| N. E. Rice | Telegram | 19 | Leave of absence. Requests extension of | | |
| C. O. Shepard | 48 | 20 | Interpreter to Legation. Necessity of reporting for duty as soon as possible after appointment | | |
| | 49 | 20 | Tea in Japan. Growth, culture and preparation | | |
| | 50 | 24 | Despatches from Dept. Oct. 10. 11. 12. | | |
| | 51 | 25 | Priesthood in Japan. Changed conditions of. Liberties allowed them. | | |
| N. E. Rice | — | 29 | Leave of absence requested for six days. | | |
| C. O. Shepard | 52 | July 1 | Accounts. | | |
| N. E. Rice | Telegram | 11 | "Ambassador left Garrisons last evening. I wish to late. Am long can I stay here" | | |
| C. O. Shepard | 53 | 12 | Despatch from Dept 13 Octo and Circular 21. | | |
| N. E. Rice | — | 14 | Arrival of Japanese Embassy at San Francisco. | | |
| | | 14 | Visit of Mikado to France. Will not take place this year. Japanese Embassy may visit Europe before revising Treaty with U.S. | | |
| C. E. De Long | 266 | 15 | Arrival and departure of Japanese officials from San Francisco. Will sail for Japan 16th inst. | | |
| C. O. Shepard | 54 | 20 | Law Officer of Japan. Appt of Mr E. P. Smith as. Has communicated Dept. No 109. to Japanese Govt rel. to. Reply of Japanese Govt thereto. | | |
| | 55 | 20 | Coolie trade. Peruvian Ship "Maria Luz" engaged in. She is driven ashore and asks assistance from U.S. Charge. which he declines on account of her being engaged in the. | | |
| | 56 | 22 | Kanagawa. Pay of Mr Mitchell J.C. at. Asks instructions as to pay of while acting as Interpreter in certain trials at. | | |
| N. E. Rice | — | 22 | Arrival of Japanese Embassy at Washington. | | |
| | — | 25 | Departure for post of duty. Announces same day will leave for Japan | | |
| C. O. Shepard | 57 | 24 | Despatch from Dept 130. Octo | | |
| N. E. Rice | — | 31 | Departure for Japan from San Francisco Aug 1st | | |
| C. E. De Long. | 268 | Aug 12 | Arrival at post of duty. also arrival of Mr Berry. Sec. of Legation | | |
| | 269 | 20 | Accounts | | |
| | 270 | Sep 3 | Netherlands and Japan. Netherlands Minister ordered home to assist in negotiating a treaty with Japanese Embassy | | |
| | 271 | 3 | Coolie trade. Peruvian coolie ship "Maria Luz". Has asked the Japanese Govt for full information in rel. to. and also to consent to act for Peru. | | |
| | 272 | 5 | Netherlands Legation. Notifies Dept that he has assumed temporary charge of same. | | |
| | 273 | 6 | Loss of Steamer "America" by fire. Court of Inquiry held, and his participation therein. | | |
| N. E. Rice | — | 6 | Arrival at his post of duty 24th August. | | |

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| Chas. E. De Long | 274 | Sep. 7 | Letter of credit for $12.000. Ackt and returns original | | |
| | 275 | 10 | Submarine Cable. Encloses notice to ship masters not to anchor in Simonoseki Bay so as to interfere with. | | |
| | 276 | 14 | Hiogo. Municipal Council of. Abuses existing in. Withdrawal of Consul Shepard therefrom and action of U.S. Minister | | |
| | 277 | 15 | Hiogo. Refusal of U.S. Consul at. to arrest certain Americans charged with assaulting British subjects. Enc. correspondence with Br. Charge upon the subject. Consul has them arrested & tried | | |
| | 278 | 17 | Despatches sent to Dept. Enc. list of | | |
| | 279 | 17 | Marine notices | | |
| | 280 | 17 | Claim of Japan vs. E.E. Rice for rent of Consular grounds at Hakodadi also Claim of Japan vs U.S. for rent and refers to his No. 264 ult. | | |
| | 281 | 18 | American scientific C. Difficulty with Japanese Govt. and dissension among themselves. | | |
| | 282 | 27 | Coolie trade. Peruvian coolie ship "Maria Luz" Further report as to his action in the case. He is recognized by Japanese Govt as the Representative of Peru. | | |
| | 283 | 29 | Kanagawa. Leave granted to, and an acting Marshal appointed | | |
| | 284 | 29 | Hiogo. Water frontage at. Difficulty between native authorities and Americans growing out of certain rights in connection with. | | |
| | 285 | 29 | Passport issued to A.L.C. Portman - fee rec'd $6.00. | | |
| | 286 | 30 | Political. Revolt of 2d Regiment Japanese troops. Ill feeling caused by failure of Japanese Embassy in Washington to negotiate a treaty. Intention of Japan to send a commission to Corea. | | |
| | 287 | 30 | Submarine Cable. Japanese Govt. grants permission to Commercial | | |
| | 288 | 30 | Accounts. | | |
| N. E. Rice | 1 | 30 | Accounts | | |
| E. D. Berry. Commd | 1 | 30 | Accounts. | | |
| of Leg. June 5' 1872 Susp'd Aug 6/73 | | | | | |
| Charles E. De Long. | 289 | Oct 6 | Claim of Dr. William Hosier agst. Japan for breach of contract, Encloses note from Japanese Govt. relative to. | | |
| | 290 | 6 | Telegraphic communication between Yedo and Nile completed. | | |
| | 291 | 16 | Claim of Japan agst. U.S. for rents due at Hakodadi. Encloses correspondence bet. Minister of U.S. and Consul relative to necessary appropriation by Congress for payment of. | | |
| | 292 | 16 | Despatches from Dept. 132 to 134. Ackt Also circular relative to assignment of U.S. bonds - Consuls not to charge fees for. | | |
| | 293 | 16 | Letter of introduction given to Austrian Chargé, commending him to confidence of Dept. relative to business of renewing treaties with Japan | | |
| | 294 | 20 | Pasport issued to Jos. H. Levinson | | |
| | 295 | 20 | Rail road from Yedo to Yokohama. Formal opening of by Mikado. | | |
| | 296 | 20 | Revision of treaty by Commissioners of Japan and U.S. Enquiries if in case of a disagreement by; can Japanese Govt. then amend same at discretion. Instructions requested from Dept. | | |
| | 297 | 21 | Nagasaki. Vice Consul and Marshal appointed at. | | |
| | 298 | 26 | Despatches from Dept. 135 to 139. Ackd | | |
| | 299 | 26 | Claim of Giles Bros. against F.C. Farrington and Mr DeLong for watches sold on the account of Giles Bros. Minister states his relations with Mr. Farrington and repudiates them operations | | |
| | 300 | Nov. 2 | Despatches. Encloses duplicates of. Originals previously rec'd. | | |
| | 301 | 5 | Jail in Yokohama. Encloses correspondence between C.O. Shepard and Mr Mitchell relative to. as requested in Instruction No 138. | | |
| | 302 | 6 | Loo Choo Islands. Japan agrees to observe treaty stipulations bet. U.S and Interview bet. Consul at Amoy - himself and Japanese officials rel to punishment of inhabitants of Formosa for cruelty to shipwrecked — mariners | | |

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| Chas. E. De Long. | 303 | Nov 6 | Statistics from Japanese Blue Book for 1871. | | |
| | 304 | 10 | Presentation to the Tenno of a Bible and Dictionary by request of Dr Hepburn. | | |
| | 305 | 10 | Birth-day of Emperor. Endorses copy of a letter of congratulation on the | | |
| | 306 | 21 | Coolie trade. Peruvian bark "Maria Luz" engaged in. Further report of proceedings in connection with. | | |
| | 307 | 21 | Japan. Condition of affairs in. Refers to several Americans in service of Government of. Successful results of Japanese mission to Corea. Attacks upon Americans in Japan by the press in U.S. prejudicial to American interests in Japan. | | |
| | 308 | 22 | Mail bags for use of Leg. Necessity of | | |
| | 309 | 22 | Political. Impending difficulty bet Japan and China, originating in part from the Formosa and Loo Choo question. Japan proposes to demand a personal interview for her Embassy with Emperor of China, and guarantees in connection with Formosa. if refused to declare war. Genl Le Gendres services desired by Japan & tempting offers made to him. | | |
| | 310 | 23 | Arrival of the Russian Grand Duke Alexis, Courtesies extended to him. | | |
| | 311 | 27 | Despatches from Dept 140 to 142. Ackd | | |
| | 312 | 27 | Contingent expenses of Leg. Covering account of | | |
| | 313 | 30 | Lots. Legation and Consular. History of titles with documents rel. to. | | |
| | 314 | Dec 4 | Claim of Shultze. Rees & Co agst. Japan for sales of silk. Claim allowed by Japanese Govt. and payment made. | | |
| | 315 | 5 | Copy Press received. Has no copy press books | | |
| | 316 | 6 | Army of Japan. Condition of. | | |
| | 317 | 6 | Depraved customs of Japanese. Edicts issued by Govt relating to. | | |
| | 318 | 6 | Stationery requested for Leg. | | |
| | 319 | 7 | Thanksgiving day. Americans in Japan notified to observe | | |
| | 320 | 7 | China and Japan. Relations between. The Loo Choo and Formosa imbroglio. Advisory letter from Mr De Long to Mr Low at Peking, relating to. also referring to Genl Legendre being requested to remain at U.S. Legation in Japan. | | |
| | 321 | 13 | Claim of Allmand & Co agst Japan for loss sustained in a sale of silk worm eggs caused by interference of Japanese Govt. Forwarded to Dept for instructions. | | |
| | 322 | 13 | Light House notices. | | |
| | 323 | 20 | China and Japan. Embassy from Japan to Chinese Govt. Genl Le Gendre resigns as U.S. Consul at Amoy and accepts position of Counsellor to Embassy. Object of Embassy to bring about settlement of the Formosa difficulty. | | |
| | 324 | 21 | Calendar year of Japan changed to that of America & Europe | | |
| | 325 | 24 | Real Estate. U.S Minister notifies foreigners that Japanese may not convey to them any lands or pledge the title deeds of such property as collateral security. | | |
| | 326 | 29 | Coinage & Mint regulations. Americans notified of changes in. | | |
| | | 1873 | | | |
| | 327 | Jany 1 | Personnel of Legation | | |
| | 328 | 1 | Despatches sent from Leg. during the year. List of. | | |
| | 329 | 3 | Passport issued to Mr Hoffman | | |
| | 330 | 4 | Accounts of Legation | | |
| E. D. L. Berry | 2 | 4 | Account for Salary as Sec. of Legation. Corrected. | | |
| | 3 | 4 | Account for Salary for quarter ending Dec 31/72 | | |
| Chas E. De Long | 331 | 6 | Annexation of Hawaiian Islands to Japan. Minister DeLong instructed to know if U.S. Govt. has any objections to. | | |

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| Chas. E. De Long. | 332 | Jan 6 | Bankers in London refuse to pay his drafts for contingent expenses of Leg. Asks for an additional allowance, also requests examination of his accounts. | | |
| | 333 | 8 | Trade Regulations. Forwarding published notification to American citizens relative to form of permits for permission to export and import goods in Japan. | | |
| | 334 | 12 | Hakodadi. Leave of absence granted Consul at for one month. Mr Hall leaves his son in charge of consulate. | | |
| | 335 | 18 | Despatches from Dept. 148 to 156. Recd. | | |
| | 336 | 18 | Stationery received. Asquires instructions as to paying for certain articles purchased. | | |
| | 337 | 18 | | | |
| | 338 | 18 | Peru. Has informed Japanese Govt. of intention of Peruvian Govt to send a Minister to Japan. | | |
| | 339 | 20 | Registering American citizens in Japan. Forwards correspondence with Consul Shepard relative to. Approval of list of assessors named by the Consul. | | |
| E. E. Rice | 2 | 21 | Account for salary | | |
| Chas E. De Long. | 340 | 22 | Peru. Excitement in Japan caused by report that Peru was about to send a hostile expedition to demand redress from Japan for the "Maria Luz" affair. Efforts of Amer. Minister to counteract the feeling. | | |
| | 341 | 22 | Trial of Mr E. Pershine Smith. fined by U.S. Consul Shepard for failing to register. Forwards correspondence and Report of. | | |
| | 342 | 23 | Reception given by Emperor to Representatives of America and Russia. | | |
| | 343 | 23 | Dismissal of Chas W. Brooks as Consul of Japan at San Francisco. Mess Kido and Okubo recalled from Embassy visiting the Treaty Powers. | | |
| | 344 | Feb 7 | Salt petre. Removal of prohibition by Japanese Govt against exportation of. | | |
| | 345 | 9 | Despatches from Dept. 157 to 159. Ackd. | | |
| | 346 | 17 | Yokohama. Convention for the Government of. amended. Japanese Govt establishes a new court for the Kanagawa Ken. It is notified to and recognized by Authorities. | | |
| | 347 | 18 | Postal treaty bet. U.S. and Japan - Japanese Govt desires to negotiate as also a foreign mail system. Mr J. W. Bryan to visit different capitals on the part of Japan for the purpose of concluding same. | | |
| | 348 | 21 | Nagasaki. Resignation of Chas. L. Fisher as Marshal at. His appointment of Consul at same place - Reasons for. | | |
| | 349 | 23 | Political. Court rules & regulations of U.S. adopted by Japan. Notification prohibiting Christianity in Japan withdrawn. Banished Christians may return. Country to be opened to foreigners. | | |
| | 350 | 23 | Embassy of Japan to China. Genl Le Gendre commissioned by Japanese Govt as an officer of second rank for Foreign Affairs. He has an audience with the Emperor. | | |
| | 351 | March 2 | Claim of Japan agst. E.E. Rice under Contract made at Hakodadi for use of certain lots - Counter claim of Mr Rice against Japan for interfering in his trading operations. Reviews at length the all statements made in previous despatches relative to same - Also comments upon leases of lots by Mr Rice and present condition. | | |
| | 352 | 2 | Despatches from Dept. 160 to 171. Ackd. | | |
| | 353 | 2 | Departure of Italian Minister for his Govt. Leaving Mr De Long as Doyen of Dip. Corps in Japan. | | |
| | 354 | 5 | Presentation of a Bible to the Mikado. Replies to Depts Instruction 160. relating to - Japanese Foreign Office in some manner possesses itself of a perfect knowledge of our correspondence | | |

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| C. E. De Long. | 355 | March 6 | Claims of American citizens agt Japan. Reply to instruction 170 relating to the presentation of same before reference to Dept. New Court of Appeal having been created in Japan. Asks if it will not affect the instruction. Explains errors in copying certain despatches and enclosures. | | |
| | 357 | 6 | Coolie trade. "Maria Luz" Discrepancy in Mr Shepards 55. while acting as Chargé as quoted in Dept Instruction 150. and as same appears on Record of Legation. Forwards copy of a note from Mr Shepard to Japanese Govt. Comments as to his own action in connection with the matter. | | |
| | 356 | 7 | Nagasaki. Refers Mr Fisher's appt of Mr Powers as acting Marshal at. to Dept for instructions. Mr Fisher accepts appointment as acting Consul at that port. | | |
| | 358 | 7 | Deportation of American citizens from Japan by Consul Shepard in defiance of instructions. Refers to cases of John Rogers - Chas. Mason - Lewis Smith - Walter Bernard who were sent to U.S without knowledge of Legation. | | |
| | — | 8 | Resignation of U.S. Minister to Japan. Mr DeLong to Gen. Babcock relative to. Encloses request from Japanese Govt. requesting his retention. | | |
| | 359 | 8 | Departure of Japanese fleet for China bearing the Japanese Embassy | | |
| | 360 | 9 | Departure of Japanese Embassy for China. Official notification of received at Leg. Object of same to settle Formosa difficulty | | |
| | 361 | 9 | Arrival of Peruvian Legation at Yokohama. Has commenced negotiations. Case of the "Maria Luz" engaged in Coolie trade. Comments at length upon case of and gives correspondence of Legation relative to. Questions arising out of. in a fair way of being amicably settled. | | |
| | 362 | 12 | Marine notices | | |
| | 363 | 12 | Nagasaki. Jetties and storm sheds at - Japanese officials promise to arrange same for the greater convenience of shipping & trade. | | |
| | 364 | 13 | Schools. Govt. support of. Mrs Mary Pruyn requests him to ask of Japanese Govt. to have her yearly land rent remitted upon the ground of her keeping a public school - Japanese Govt give a favorable reply. | | |
| | 365 | 13 | Seal fishery. D. H. A. Jones applies in behalf of a company in California for exclusive right to catch seals and otters in Japanese waters. Japan refuses to give permission | | |
| | 366 | 13 | Presentation to Japanese Govt on behalf of S. H. Peck of a small iron clad model of Monitor - Has presented same and reports proceedings of. | | |
| | 367 | 14 | Christian toleration - Results of his efforts to bring about same in Japan. Present condition of question very favorable. | | |
| | 368 | 15 | Port Charges. Pacific mail S.S. Company charged duties at Kobe illegally. This abuse finally arranged satisfactorily | | |
| | 369 | 15 | Circulation of foreigners in Japan. Italian Minister proposes a Convention with Japan relative to. Continuation of advices contained in 349. Present condition of subject not satisfactory to himself and colleagues | | |
| | 370 | 15 | Storage of Gunpowder. Consul at Nanagawa requested to enforce 7th Art. of Yokohama Municipal Convention relative to explosive materials | | |
| | 371 | 16 | Engraving of the Mikado. Mr E. L. Boynton requests permission to execute an — Japanese Govt. decline the proposal | | |

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| C. E. De Long. | 372 | March 16 | Remarks said to have been made by Mr E. Pershine Smith in a Consular Court. German Minister enquires as to the truth of the report concerning. | | |
| | 373 | 16 | Marriage law of Japan. Promulgation of. Law not recognized by German Minister as conflicting with naturalization laws of Germany. | | |
| | 374 | 22 | Rail Roads in Japan. Regulations rel. to, promulgated by Japanese Govt. Action of Foreign Representatives upon the question of fines and penalties in connection with. | | |
| Nathan E. Rice | — | April 2 | Accounts. | | |
| E. D. L. Berry | — | 9 | Accounts. | | |
| C. E. De Long. | 375 | 16 | Passports as amended by Japanese Govt. Copies enclosed. | | |
| | 376 | 16 | Despatches from Dept. 172 and 173. also Circular No. 30 Ackd. | | |
| | 377 | 20 | Tea reports. Forwarded for Treasury as requested in Dept. 173. | | |
| | 378 | 20 | Accounts for salary. | | |
| | 379 | 20 | Religious toleration in Japan. Return of banished native Christians and their restoration to citizenships. | | |
| | 380 | 21 | Bonin Islands. Protection of American residents residing in. Requests instructions relative to. History of Islands. | | |
| | 381 | 21 | Peru and Japan. Negotiations pending between relative to the Maria Luz. Japanese Minister asks his advice as to choice of Arbitrator in the case. No agreement arrived at. | | |
| | 382 | 21 | Claims of American citizens agst. Japan. Refusal of Japanese Govt. to settle demands of Messrs Shultz, Reis & Co. and Smith Baker & Co. Reports proceedings in carrying out Dept's instructions 132 rel. to. | | |
| | — | 22 | Resignation forwarded as requested. Thanks for courtesies from Dept. &c. | | |
| | 383 | 22 | Port charges illegally levied by Japanese Authorities at Kobe on Pacific Mail Steam Ship Co. Representations made to Japanese Govt. and withdrawal of tax complained of. | | |
| | 384 | 22 | Dissensions in U.S. Scientific Commission. Correspondence rel. to difference bet. Genl Capron and Mr Lieut Eldridge. | | |
| | 385 | 22 | Present to Major Ingersoll U.S. Army. from Japanese Govt. will be sent by first opportunity. | | |
| | 386 | 23 | Resignation of office as U.S. Minister. Forwards copy of telegram. | | |
| | 387 | 28 | Registration of Americans in Consular Courts. Ack. Depts instruction 176 relating to and reports proceedings under it. States reasons for believing he has acted in conformity with it. Case of Mr E. P. Smith who refused to register an exceptional one. | | |
| | 388 | 29 | Despatches from Dept 178 to 187 and Circulars 31 and 32. Ackd. | | |
| | 389 | 29 | Hawaiian Islands - Annexation of to Japan. Replies to Dept 177 instruction relating to. States whence originated the movement for. Has requested Hawaiian Govt. to relieve him from charge of its affairs in Japan. | | |
| | 390 | 29 | Dismissal from Japanese service of Major G. G. Harfield employed as an Engineer. Enc. Correspondence in case of. | | |
| | 391 | 29 | Naturalization of P. Stiff. Having only declared his intention to become an American citizen, his claim to be regarded as such is not recognized. Consul of U.S. at Kobe so notified. | | |
| | 392 | May 7 | Pacific Mail Steamer "Golden Age" runs down a Japanese fishing vessel. Compensation claimed and obtained by owners. | | |
| | 393 | " 7 | Yokohama. Japanese Customs Officials at, decline to longer transact business with Consul Shepard on account of a disagreement upon the Custom Regulations. In reply to instructions from Legation he writes to Minister DeLong using insulting and offensive language. Minister requests instructions from Dept. | | |

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| C. E. De Long. | 394 | May 8 | Fire at Yedo. Destruction of Imperial Palace. Loss very great. Alarm created on discovery of. Political condition of Japan | | |
| | 395 | 8 | Coolie trade. Peruvian Bark "Maria Luz". Satisfaction of Peruvian Minister and Japanese Govt. with action of U.S. in relation to. | | |
| | 396 | 9 | Account. Relative to Contingent expenses of Leg. | | |
| | 397 | 9 | Religious toleration in Japan. Return of native christians to their homes | | |
| | 398 | 19 | Tea reports from Hiogo and Nagasaki. | | |
| | 399 | 19 | Financial condition of Japan. Letter from Ex Minister of Finance to Japanese Govt. explaining the - Political reforms taking place | | |
| | 400 | 21 | Leave of absence granted Consul Shepard | | |
| | 401 | 21 | China and Japan. Favorable report of progress of Japanese Embassy in China. Repat of threatened rupture between U.S. Naval forces and Chinese Army disembarked in Japan | | |
| | 402 | 22 | Misunderstanding bet. Consul Shepard and Japanese Commr. of Customs. Correspondence bet. Japanese Foreign Office and U.S. Legation relative to. | | |
| | 403 | 22 | Financial condition of Japan - Japanese Govt. reply to letter from Ex Minister of Finance relating to. | | |
| | 404 | 22 | Tea reports | | |
| | 405 | 22 | Freight bill for present from Japanese Govt. to Major Ingersoll | | |
| | 406 | 22 | Foreigners Commissioned in Japanese service. Asks from Dept. instructions as to their recognition by Legation. | | |
| | 407 | 26 | Water frontage at Kobe. Reply to Depts instruction No 180. relative to lease hold interests of Americans at Kobe | | |
| | 408 | 27 | Burning of Steamer America - Money found in bodies of Chinese passengers. Disposition of. Reports proceedings in case of. and why he has not before communicated to the Dept. Asks instruction | | 191 |
| | 409 | 27 | Despatches from Dept 188 to 194. Ackd | | |
| | 410 | 27 | Deportation of citizens by Consul Shepard. Asks if instruction No. 193. affirming right of Con: Officers to banish criminals is intended to negative previous instruction 31. of Sept 10 1870. | | |
| | 411 | 31 | Game laws promulgated by Japanese Govt. Proceedings of Legation under same | | |
| | 413 | 31 | Cessation of business and official relations bet. Consul Shepard & Japanese Commr of Customs. Further correspondence rel to. | | |
| | 412 | 31 | Stationery requested | | |
| | 414 | 31 | Gold leaf. Enquiries if it is entitled to admission free of duty as bullion? Dispute bet. Messrs. Walsh Hall & Co and the Japanese Customs official relative to - Consul Turners action in the matter. | | |
| | 415 | June 2 | Game laws in Japan. Encloses letter from H.B.M. Minister relating to. with comments on same | | |
| | 416 | 2 | Coolie trade. Case of Peruvian bark "Maria Luz" Encloses copy of the "case" presented by the Peruvian Minister to Japanese Govt | | |
| | 417 | 2 | Custom House Regulations in Japan. Correspondence with Japanese Govt relative to obtaining a code of. | | |
| | 418 | 3 | Coolie trade. Bark "Maria Luz" Consul Shepards correspondence in case of. His records do not correspond with his despatches sent to Dept. | | |
| | 419 | 3 | Contingent Accounts. Ackd. Dept instruction 190 rel. to. | | |
| | 420 | 4 | Burning of Steamer "America" Money found in bodies of Chinese passengers drowned. Further correspondence rel. to. | | |

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| John A. Bingham. Commd. E. E. & M. P. May 31st 1873 presented Credentials Oct. 7th 1873 still in office. | — | June 5 | Accepts appointment as E. E. & M. P. to Japan. | | |
| C. E. De Long. | 421 | 6 | China and Japan. Forwards newspaper article from North China Herald relative to relations between | | |
| | 422 | 6 | Burning of Str "America" and money found on bodies of her Chinese passengers. Encloses a letter from Consul Shepard in connection with. | | |
| | 423 | 6 | China and Japan. Treaty of peace & amity between. Enclosed with comments thereon. | | |
| | 424 | 10 | Claim of A. J. Staples to a lot of land at Kobe. Forwards copies of correspondence with Japanese Govt. and Consul Turner rel. to. | | |
| | 425 | 17 | Despatches from Dept. 195 to 198. Ackd | | |
| | 426 | 17 | Land tax on Legation premises in Yokohama. Request instructions as to payment of. | | |
| | 427 | 17 | Peru and China. Proposed treaty between. Request of Peruvian Minister to send a communication to China relative to same with a personal recommendation from Mr De Long to Mr F. F. Low to render any assistance in his power. | | |
| | 428 | 19 | Scientific Commission. Misunderstanding bet. Prof. Satterlee and Govt Capron. Encloses correspondence rel. to. | | |
| | 429 | 19 | Coolie trade. Case of bark "Maria Luz" Japanese reply to the Peruvian Statement of. Interview with Japanese officials | | |
| | 430 | 20 | Jurisdiction of U. S. Consuls over Americans in Japanese service Consul Turner at Hiogo request instructions as to. | | |
| | 431 | 20 | Marine Notices | | |
| | 432 | 20 | Hill site. Mr Wm H. Doyle desires to obtain land from Japanese Govt for a. Alludes to Depts instruction 195 and requests instructions as to his action in the matter. | | |
| | 433 | 21 | Coolie trade. Case of Bark "Maria Luz" to be referred by Japan and Peru to the chief of a friendly state for arbitration | | |
| | 434 | 22 | Kanagawa. British trade report for port of. during 1872. Enclosed | | |
| | 435 | July 1 | Light house established at Suga Sima. | | |
| | 436 | 2 | Leave of absence of Consul Shepard. Correspondence with relative to. | | |
| | 437 | 2 | Application of Rev. D. C. Green to Japanese Govt for permission to circulate the scripture throughout the Empire. Forwards to Dept for instruction. | | |
| | 438 | 2 | Customs Charges at Nagasaki. Forwards complaint of D. D. Inglis. Agent for China and Japan trading Company relative to same. Requests instructions | | |
| John A Bingham C E De Long. | — | 3 | Books wanted for Legation. Enc. list of. | | |
| | 439 | 5 | Right of Americans to renounce citizenship for purpose of residing in the interior of Japan. Encloses request of Wm H. Doyle for information as. | | |
| | 440 | 5 | Coolie trade. "Maria Luz" case. Forwards protocol whereby same is submitted to Russian Empero for arbitration by Japan and Peru | | |
| | 441 | 5 | Gift of Japanese art, tendered American Minister by C. H. Schmidt a Dutch subject for his services while acting as Dutch Rep. Asks if he is allowed to receive it | | |
| | 442 | 5 | Political. Rumors of civil disturbances in the Empire | | |
| | 443 | 6 | Circulation of foreigners in Japan. German Minister informs Japanese Minister he will no longer enforce treaty stipulations imposing a penalty upon Germans entering interior of Japan — | | |

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| C. E. De Long | 444 | July 6. | Accounts. Salary draft. Encloses vouchers &c. Remarks as to previous accounts. | | |
| | 445 | 7 | Records of Legation under Consul Shepard while acting as Charge. Despatch No 46. from Consul Shepard impeached. - Refers to reception of Admiral Jenkins. Shows that Consul Shepard made false representations to Dept and did not keep correct records | | |
| C. De Long Berry | 5 | 7 | Accounts. | | |
| W. C. Rice | 4 | 15 | Accounts. | | |
| C. E. De Long | 446 | 17 | Discharge of the 2d mate of the "Otaga" by Consul at Kanagawa and his reinstatement by order of the Minister. Enc. correspondence | | |
| | 451 | 17 | Kanagawa Charges agst. Consul Shepard. Refers to his No 445. and encloses letter from Sir. H. S. Parkes further supporting the charge relative to the audience of Admiral Jenkins with the Mikado. | | |
| | 447 | 21 | China. Audience granted by Emperor of China to Foreign Representatives Enc. Copy of Shanghai News Letter contg. account of same. Pending questions bet. China & Japan settled. | | |
| | 448 | 21 | Kanagawa. Charges Consul Shepard with high crimes and misdemeanors. Enc affidavit of Frank Edwards | | |
| | 449 | 21 | Tea Reports for June | | |
| | 450 | 21 | Kanagawa. Charges agst Consul Shepard for ill treatment of crew of the "Otaga" Enc. Affidavits | | |
| | 452 | 27 | Recreation grounds at Hiogo. Enc. correspondence rel. to setting apart ground for a Park. | | |
| | 453 | 31 | Court Rules and Regulations. Enc. rules governing the presentation of complaints before Japanese Courts. | | |
| | 454 | 31 | Circulation of foreigners into interior of Japan. Concerted action of Dip. Corps in relation to. | | |
| | 455 | 31 | Withdrawal of American protection from the house of Schultze Ross & Co by Consul Shepard. | | |
| | 456 | Aug 4 | Ceases to act in capacity of Dutch Representative. Thanks of that Govt for his services. | | |
| | 457 | 4 | Peru. Thanks him for services while he was charged with their interest in Japan | | |
| | 458 | 4 | Return of Japanese Embassy from China. China disclaims jurisdiction over Formosa. Corea and Loo Choo. | | |
| | 459 | 4 | Naval Store house (Temporary) desired by Admiral Jenkins Enc. correspondence. | | |
| | 460 | 4 | Charges agst. Consul Shepard in connection with the sale of poetry stamps. | | |
| | Telegram | 5 | Charges agst. Consul Shepard in connection with the sale of postage stamps. | | |
| John A. Bingham | — | 5 | Departure for Japan. Will sail on 15th. Appt of Sec of Legation | | |
| | — | 8 | Departure for Japan. Will leave for San Francisco on 8th proximo | | |
| D. H. Stevens. Commissd Sec of Leg. Aug 6 1872. Still in office. | — | 12 | Accepts appointment as Secretary of Legation. | | |
| C. E. De Long | 461 | 20 | Sale of Peruvian Bark "Maria Luz". By request of Peru and Japan he has sold the vessel | | |
| | 462 | 20 | Circulation of foreigners in the interior of Japan. Japanese Govt requests that discussion of subject be deferred until return of Mr Iwakura | | |
| | 463 | 20 | Audience of Admiral Jenkins with the Emperor of Japan. Enc. correspondence with Admiral Jenkins showing the untruthfulness of Mr Shepards despatch in relation to the | | |
| | 464 | 21 | Peru and Japan. Treaty concluded between. | | |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| John A. Bingham | — | Aug. 28 | Arrival at San Francisco on 26th. Depart for post on 1st | | |
| C. E. De Long. | 465 | " 27 | Transit of Venus. Japanese Govt. will render facilities to the U.S. Commission sent to observe the. | | |
| | 466 | 28 | Claim of C. Borstel against U.S. for services in aiding sufferers by the "Oneida" disaster. Accommends payment of. | | |
| | 467 | 30 | Quarantine Regulations agreed upon by Foreign Representatives and Japanese Govt. enclosed | | |
| | 468 | Sep 1 | Arrest of a Japanese servant of Alfred Whelan an American citizen on a groundless charge - Proceedings of Minister for his release. Enc. correspondence with Japanese Foreign Office | | |
| | 469 | 2 | Ground rent due Japan for Bluff lot No. 27. Has paid rent to June 1st $662. Has drawn for amount. | | |
| | 470 | 2 | Peru and Japan. Enclose copy of treaty concluded bet. | | |
| | 471 | 2 | Tea Reports. | | |
| | 472 | 2 | Despatches from Dept. 200 to 207. Ackd | | |
| | 473 | 2 | Notice to Mariners. enc. | | |
| | 474 | 13 | Notice to Mariners enc. | | |
| | 475 | 18 | Wreck of the Brigantine 'Admiral' on coast of Japan Part of her crew saved and kindly treated by the people. Has expressed his thanks to the Govt. | | |
| | 476 | 18 | Presentation to Capt. Cobb of St. "China" of 300 rios for services in rescuing distressed Japanese sailors. | | |
| | tel. | 20 | Return to U.S. Requests permission to. in Naval vessel | | |
| | 477 | 22 | Presentation of Duke of Genoa to Emperor of Japan. General news | | |
| | 478 | 23 | Tea Reports. | | |
| John A Bingham | 1 | 25 | Arrival at Yokohama. Will enter upon his duties as soon as practicable | | |
| | 2 | 27 | Assumption of his duties. Enc. correspondence with Mr De Long on the subject. | | |
| D. H. Stevens | — | 28 | Arrival at Yokohama. Has deferred sending his letter of credit to Bankers on account of their failure | | |
| Nathan N. Rice | — | 30 | Accounts | | |
| E. D. L. Berry | 6 | Oct 1 | Accounts. | | |
| C. E. De Long | 479 | 1 | Imprisonment of native Christian convert on account of his religion. Has obtained his release. Enc. correspondence. | | |
| | 480 | 1 | Wild lands in Japan. Has obtained permission for D. H. Ap Jones to visit same and report upon them. | | |
| | 481 | 1 | Accounts. | | |
| | 482 | 5 | Circulation of foreigners into interior of Japan for trade and travel. Enc. regulations submitted by Foreign Minister governing the subject. | | |
| | 483 | 5 | Despatches 208 to 212 & 214. Ackd | | |
| | 484 | 5 | Court room and jail. Has not rented buildings for, but left it for new Minister to do. | | |
| | 485 | 6 | Hakodadi. Leave requested by Consul at, approved | | |
| | 486 | 7 | Presentation of Mr John A. Bingham to Empress of Japan - His reception - speeches &c | | |
| John A Bingham | 3 | 7 | Presentation of his letter of credence on 7th | | |
| | — | 7 | Legation buildings. Requests authority to rent certain buildings at $4500 per annum | | |
| | — | 7 | Accounts for transit. Has drawn on Dept. | | |
| D. H. Stevens | — | 7 | Accounts for transit. Has drawn on Dept. | | |
| E. D. L. Berry | — | 8 | Letter of recall Ackd. Will leave for U.S. Nov 7th | | |
| John A. Bingham | 4 | 8 | Inventory of Legation | | |
| | 5 | 10 | Despatches from Dept 2 to 5 Ackd | | |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| John A. Bingham | 6 | Oct 18 | Kanagawa. Charges against Consul Shepard. Report of examination. Evidence shows Mr Shepard innocent. | | |
| | 7 | 20 | Nomination of Soyeshima Tanenomi to be Gaimu Dosai or the Superintendent of Foreign Affairs | | |
| | 8 | 21 | Audience given by the Emperor to Mr C. H. Brooks, the Japanese Consul at San Francisco. Enc. address. | | |
| C. E. De Long | — | 20 | Letter of recall. Complains of embarrassment occasioned to him by not receiving same until after presentation of his successor. Requests reasons | | |
| John A. Bingham | 9 | 27 | Marine notices. | | |
| | 10 | 28 | Treaty volume. No copies received | | |
| | 11 | 28 | Despatches 6 to 8 Recd. | | |
| | 12 | 29 | Kanagawa - Charges agst. Consul Shepard in withdrawal of the matter of American protection from the firm of Shultze, Reis & Co. Report | | |
| | 13 | 30 | Rent due Japan for lot 178. Recommends the relinquishment of the lot as being of no use to U.S. | | |
| | 14 | 30 | Water frontage question. Reply to Dept's No 3. Has called the attention of Japanese Govt. to the alleged interference by Japanese officials with leased lands of Americans | | |
| | 15 | 31 | Rent due Japan on Legation building. Suggests the payment of, and the surrendering of it up, and the selection of a more suitable location. | | |
| | 16 | Nov 1 | Political situation in Japan, Change of Ministry &c | | |
| | 17 | 17 | Hunting regulations of Japan, not in conflict with treaty stipulations. Reply to No. 5. | | |
| | 18 | 18 | Simonoseki indemnity. Asks if he shall press the payment of the unpaid balance. | | |
| | 19 | 18 | Circulation of foreigners into interior of Japan. Report of conference bet. Foreign Representatives and Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs. Comments on the subject. | | |
| | 20 | 19 | Claim of Wm H. Doyle agst. Japan for alleged breach of contract Enclos papers rel. to. | | |
| | 21 | Dec 1 | Rice & Wheat flour. Free exportation of. Enc. notification of Japanese Govt to that effect. | | |
| | 22 | 2 | Paper Currency of Japan. Enc. notification of Govt withdrawing from circulation the 2$ and 1 yen (paper) denomination | | |
| | 23 | 2 | Despatches No 9 to 12. Ackd | | |
| | 24 | 5 | Wild lands of Japan. Their adaptability to the breeding of sheep and cattle as graging lands - Report of D. W. Ap Jones, enclosed. | | |
| | 25 | 5 | Sale of the hulk of the "Cayalli" by U.S. Consul at Hakodadi. Enc. report of Consul. | | |
| | 26 | 6 | Duplicate of Mr De Long's 377. 378 & 404 | | |
| | 27 | 8 | Hakodadi. U.S. Consul at, requested to act as Consul of Portugal | | |
| | 28 | 12 | Claim of H. Fogg & Co. agst. Japan, arising out of the sale of the bark "Valetta" Enc. papers and asks instructions | | |
| | 29 | 17 | Tea. List of current prices of, at various ports in Japan | | |
| | 30 | 18 | Circulation of foreigners into interior of Japan. Ack. Dept's 14 relative to. Agrees with Dept in regard to the deposit to be made with Minister or Consuls | | |
| | 31 | 18 | Despatches 13 and 14, & Circular 48 Ackd. | | |
| | 32 | 19 | Teas. Gives list of current prices of at Hiogo & Osaka | | |
| | 33 | 20 | Hiogo. U.S. Consul at requests authority to adjudicate in Peruvian interests. | | |

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| John A. Bingham | 34 | Dec 20 | Sale of the hulk of the "Cayalli" Refers to his No. 5 and gives explanation of action of Consul at Hakodadi. | | |
| | 35 | 22 | Stationery requested. | | |
| N. E. Rice | — | 22 | Letter of credit on new bankers. Ack. | | |
| D. W. Stevens | — | 23 | Letter of credit on new bankers. Ack[d] | | |
| C. E. De Long. | — | 26 | Transit time occupied in reaching his home. | | |

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| John A. Bingham | 36 | Jany 8 | Account | 2/21. |
| | 37 | " 8 | Nagasaki. Consul at, absent from duty more than 10 day on public business | 2/21.A |
| | 38 | " 8 | Judicial court at Yokohama desire to appeal from the consular court, the suit of a Japanese vs the Pacific Mail S.S. Co. Minister refuses to entertain the appeal as the amount in litigation exceeds $2500 | 2/21.A |
| A. H. Stevens | 2 | " 8 | Account | 2/21.A |
| John A. Bingham | 39 | " 9 | Detention of the "New York" at Hiogo, by reason of the refusal of the Customs authorities to grant the usual permit. Has protested against the same | 2/21.A |
| | 40 | " 10 | Sea. Gives price current of teas at Yokohama | 2/21.A |
| | 41 | " 12 | Newspaper Reception. Address of the Foreign Ministers & the Emperor's reply enc. | 2/21.A |
| | 42 | " 14 | Fee of $20 exacted by Customs officials at Yokohama from the Pacific Mail S.S. Co. ship "New York" on the occasion of her going to Yokosha for repairs. Has protested against the exaction | 2/21.A |
| | 43 | " 14 | Circulation of Foreigners into interior of Japan. Fine imposed on an American for illegally travelling into the interior | 2/21.A |
| | 44 | " 17 | Assassination of Iwakura, the 2d Prime Minister attempted, by several unknown persons | 2/21.A |
| | 45 | " 17 | Revision of the Treaties. Enc. memorandum given to Japanese Ministers setting forth the advantages to Japan from opening the country to all kinds of industrial enterprises under a proper code of municipal regulations. Foreign Ministers who favor the more restricted plan of travel in the interior, are really opposed to the interests of the U.S. | 2/21. |
| | 46 | " 19 | Circulation of Foreigners into interior. Enc. reply of Japanese Govt to the regulation submitted by the Foreign Ministers | 2/21. |
| | 47 | " 20 | Silk Guild. Complaint against the onerous regulations of the guild which are in opposition to treaty stipulations. Japanese Govt has issued a decree prohibiting the Guild from continueing their regulations | 2/21.A |
| | 48 | " 20 | Sea. Prices at Hiogo & Osaka | 2/21.A |
| | 49 | " 22 | Claim of J. M. Batchelder vs Japan for the detention of the str. "Peiho". Enc. all the papers in the case & asks for instructions | 2/21.A |
| | 50 | " 22 | Passports issued during the last quarter | 2/21.A |
| A. E. Rice | ~ | " 22 | Accounts | 3/27.A |
| John A. Bingham | 51 | Feb 9 | 15-16 received | 4/2.A |
| | 52 | " 16 | "Virginius" document asked | 4/2 |
| | 53 | " 17 | Americans in the employ of the Japanese Govt. Efforts of Foreign Ministers to have them dismissed. Suggests that the act of 1856 be so changed as to permit Diplomatic & Consular officers to recommend their countrymen for positions in foreign countries | 4/13. 20/3 |
| | 54 | " 18 | Claim of J. M. Batchelder vs Japan for an alleged breach of contract in the matter of certain wrecks sold to him by that Govt. Enc. papers | 4/3. |
| | 55 | " 18 | Simonoseki Indemnity. Japanese Govt has paid to France, England & Holland the instalments due those powers, the claims having been pressed in order to induce Japan to accede to the Regulations proposed in Sept last | 4/3. |
| | 56 | " 19 | Political. Memorial presented to the Govt asking for the establishment of a Parliament. Request refused. Enumeration (Desire of Japan to effect a revision of the existing treaty first with the U.S.) | 4/3. |
| | 57 | " 23 | Simonoseki Indemnity. British Minister states that he holds $ 5.833.33 which he says is the proportion due the U.S. as its share of the instalment paid by Japan. | 4/3 |
| | 58 | " 23 | Legation Building. Enc. copy of lease of Legation building from J. M. Batchelder for approval | 4/3. |
| | 59 | " 23 | Congressional Record requested for his use | 4/3.A |
| | 60 | " 26 | Sea. Prices at Yokohama. | 4/3.A |
| A. H. Stevens | ~ | Mch 4 | Ask Commission as Secretary of Legation | 4/3.A |
| John A. Bingham | 61 | " 6 | 17-23 & "Virginius" document received | 4/3.A |
| | 62 | " 6 | Revision of the Treaties. Japanese Govt while rejecting the regulations of Sept. last are in favor of some understanding which will maintain the independence of Japan and at same time protect foreigners. Requests a general or special ~ | 4/6. |

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| John A. Bingham | 63 | Mch 6 | Rent due on lot 178. Ask 23. will pay rent due on the lot & make a surrender of same to take effect June 1. 1874 | 4/32 |
| | 64 | " 7 | Ask commission as E. E & M. P. | 4/32 |
| | 65 | " 7 | Customs Regulations. Enc. joint note of Foreign Ministr demanding that the Com[rs] of Customs at the various ports be instructed to confer with the foreign Consuls before issuing any notifications &c. Refusal of Mr. Bingham to sign the same. Reasons | 4/32 |
| | 66 | " 20 | Legation Building. Refers to his 58 and states that he has taken possession of the building rented from J. M. Batchelder | 4/28 |
| | 67 | " 21 | Claim of H. H. Hoyier vs Japan. Enc. correspondence with Japan | 4/28 |
| | 68 | April 1 | 24 & 25 & Circ 47 received. Signal Code delivered to Govt | 5/6 |
| | 69 | " 1 | Teas. Price of at Yokohama & Hiogo | 5/6 |
| | 70 | " 1 | Seamen, transported by the Japanese from Steamers to Hakodadi. That Govt presents claim vs U.S. for same. | 5/6 |
| | 71 | " 4 | Portuguese Minister requests consent to the appt. of U.S. Consul Hance to be Portuguese Consul at Hakodadi | 5/6 |
| | 72 | " 8 | Claim of Walsh, Hall & Co for detention of Gold plate & leaf by the Customs authorities at Kobe. Enc. papers. Claim should be allowed to the amount of loss actually sustained | 5/26 |
| C. E. De Long | — | " 8 | Order of the Dutch Lion conferred upon him by the Govt of the Netherlands for services rendered that Govt as its representative at the court of Japan. Ack letter of 6th covering the cross & insignia and enc. letter of acknowledgment to the Govt of the Netherlands to be forwarded | 4/8 |
| | — | " 11 | Expenses attending the visit of A. E. Rice to Washington as Interpreter to the Japanese Embassy. Reasons why they should be paid | 4/15 |
| John A Bingham | 73 | " 15 | Manni notices | 5/26 |
| | 74 | " 16 | Claim of Walsh, Hall & Co for certain property sold to Japanese officials in 1870. Enc. statement of the case and asks for instructions | 5/26 |
| | 75 | " 18 | Mail Agent of U.S. at Kobe. Enc. official bond of Consul Turner as such | 5/26 |
| | 76 | " 22 | Formosa. Japanese expedition against the abrriginees. and the employment of an American vessel to carry supplies, the 3 Americans to assist. Mr Bingham protests against such employment until China shall give its consent. Japanese Govt deny any hostile intention against China. Enc. papers | 5/26 |
| | 77 | " 22 | Teas. Price of at Hiogo & Osaka | 5/26 |
| | 78 | " 24 | Formosa. Japanese expedition against. Refers to his 76. Japanese Govt say that the Americans connected with the expedition and the American steamer will be detached therefrom | 5/26 |
| | 79 | " 28 | Signal Code. copy of presented to Japanese Govt. | 6/23 |
| | 80 | " 28 | 26-31 & Circ 53. received | 6/23 |
| | 81 | May 19 | Rents due Japan on lot 178. Payment of rent due up to June 1. 1874 and the surrender of the lease. Japan claims yet one years rent. Enc. receipt | 6/23 |
| | 82 | " 19 | Formosa. Japanese expedition against. Chinese Govt disclaim having given permission to Japan to go to Formosa. Mr Bingham informs Japanese Govt and is assured that no landing will take place without consent of China | 6/3.7/1 |
| | 83 | " 19 | Telegraphic cables. Permission given by Japan to Com[r] Belknap to visit southeast coast of Japan with a view of ascertaining a suitable spot for landing a cable | 6/23 |
| | 84 | " 20 | Simonoseki Indemnity. British Minister states that he has another instalment of the indemnity, to the credit of the U.S. Mr Bingham refuses to receive it. Asks instructions | 6/23 |
| Nathan E. Rice | | April 2 | Account | 6/27 |
| John A. Bingham | 85 | May 29 | 32-38. Congressional Record & Diplom. ack | 6/27 |
| | 86 | " 29 | Legation building. Ack 38 and enc. amended lease with remarks on the same | 6/27 |
| | 87 | June 2 | Phil Exposition. Intention of Japan to accept the invitation of U.S. to participate. She will send a special Commission | 7/6 & 9/26 |

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| John A. Bingham | 88 | June 3 | Case of A. B. Dunn. Japanese court refuse to issue process to compell his witnesses to attend in his suit against a Japanese in violation Article 6th of treaty. Request instructions | 7/p. 205 |
| | 89 | " 3 | Formosa, Japanese expedition against. Encs Japanese proclamation rel to the causes which led to it. Commissioner appt by China to negotiate on subject with Japan. Explains his action in having the steamer New York detached from the expedition | 7/p. 305 |
| | 90 | " 4 | Exportation of Rice & wheat prohibited. Encs Japanese notification | 7/p. |
| | 91 | " 6 | Nagasaki. Recognition of Chas. L. Fisher as Vice Consul | 7/p. |
| | 92 | " 6 | 40, bis 39 received | 7/p. |
| | 93 | " 16 | Phil. Exposition. Consul mistake in his note to foreign office relative to date fixed for opening the Exposition | 7/p. 231 |
| | 94 | " 17 | Simonoseki Indemnity. Has remitted two sums of special compensation to London Bankers. Has also notified Japan that U.S. will receive the unpaid balance of the Indemnity | 7/p. 232 |
| | 95 | " 18 | Formosa Japanese Expedition against. Attitude of China towards it. Prince Kung protests to U.S. Chargé against employment of Americans by Japan. Encs correspondence | 7/p. 304 |
| | 96 | " 24 | Seas. Prices of, at Kiogo and Yokohama | 8/p. |
| | 97 | July 7 | Simonoseki Indemnity. Has received two instalments ($250.000) which have been transmitted by bill to Leyden | 8/p. |
| | 98 | " 16 | Formosa expedition. Attitude of China on the question. Suit brought by the Japanese Govt against the Pacific Mail S.S. Co. for alleged breach of charter party in not permitting the steamer New York to proceed to Formosa. Encs Correspondence. | 8/p. 160 |
| | 99 | " 16 | Seas. Prices of, at Kiogo & Yokohama | 8/p. |
| | 100 | " 16 | Assassination of Iwakura. Encs death sentence of three who participated in the attempt | 8/p. |
| | 101 | " 16 | 41 & record book received | 9/p. |
| | 102 | " 17 | British intrigue in Japan. Sir Harry Parkes denies ——— the allegation made in U.S. Congress that he attempted the removal of Americans from the Japanese service to make room for his own countrymen | 9/p. |
| | 103 | " 27 | 42-43 received | 9/p. |
| | 104 | " 27 | Sea. Prices of at Yokohama | 9/p. |
| | 105 | " 29 | Formosa Expedition. Ask telegram of 25th Consul has been instructed to give notice to Americans not to engage in proceedings hostile to China. Interview with Minister for Fr. Affairs of Japan, who states that China has promised if forces of Japan are withdrawn she will build light houses on coast and furnish protection to commerce in the future. Japan declines to accept the terms and intends to take possession of a portion of the island. Japanese Ambassador now in Peking conducting negotiations | 9/p. 24 |
| | 106 | " 29 | Circulation of Foreigners into the interior. Encs note from Fr. office declining to grant permission for the reason that the treaty powers claim exclusive jurisdiction over their own citizens and subjects | 9/p. 25 |
| | 107 | Aug 2 | 44-51 received | 9/p. |
| | 108 | " 12 | Seimonseki Indemnity. Payment of last instalment by Japan. That Govt. desires a receipt in full. Money sent to Bankers in London. Encs. correspondence | 9/p. 144 |
| | 109 | " 13 | Kanagawa. Recognition of S.B. Van Buren as Consul | 9/p. |
| | 110 | " 13 | Presents of arms & military stores from U.S. to Japan. Arrival of Genl Myers & Col. Lyford with the present for the Emperor. Their presentation at court & banquets &c. given in their honor | 9/p. 158 |
| | 111 | " 13 | Sea. Prices of at Yokohama | 9/p. |
| | — | July 31 | Charges against H.E. Rice Interpreter & Legation | /p. |
| | 112 | Aug. 18 | Formosa Expedition. Arrest of Genl Le Gendre by U.S. Consul at Amoy, complaint of Japanese Govt. Correspondence enclosed | 9/p. |
| | 113 | " 18 | Sea. Prices of at Yokohama | 9/p. |

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| | | 1874 | | |
| John A. Bingham | 114 | Aug 31 | Russian & the Swedes. Enc memo of M. Marshall to Lord Derby setting forth the condition of Japan & the best course for European Powers to pursue. British Govt of opinion that Japan is not yet in a condition to be treated on a footing of equality by the European powers. Mr Bingham is of contrary opinion. Enc joint note of Foreign ministers inviting a renewal of the negotiations relative to opening the interior to travel & trade. The note signed conditionally by Mr Bingham | 10/12. 11/22 D |
| | 115 | " 31 | Library of Legation. Receipt of five boxes | 10/2 D |
| | 116 | Sept 1 | Rents due Japan on lot 178. Enc statement of accounts & receipt | 10/2 D |
| | 117 | " 1 | Sea reports for Hiogo. Asks if such reports should not in future be forwarded by Consul Genl | 10/12. D |
| | 118 | " 7 | Phil Expedition. Invitation of U.S. extended to Japanese Govt. | 10/12. D |
| | 119 | " 7 | 52, 55- to & ten circulars received | 10/12. D |
| | 120 | " 9 | Rents due Japan. Payment of. Enc note from Foreign Office acknowledging the payment of rent and demanding in future that the amount be paid in Mexican dollars. Proposes the surrender of Legation lot at Yokei to Japan | 10/12. D |
| | 121 | " 23 | 61-64 & Circ. 63 & 64 received | 10/29. D |
| | 122 | " 25 | Newspapers for Legation. Designates the Chronicle & Republican of Washington | 10/29 D |
| | 123 | " 26 | Phil Expedition. Ask 61 with revised regulations | 10/29. D |
| | 124 | " 26 | Murder of Mr Habe, German Consul at Hakodadi. Arrest & execution of the murderer a Japanese. Enc proclamation of sentence | 10/29. D |
| | 125 | " 26 | Torture of witnesses & persons charged with crime abolished. Enc proclamation | 10/29. D |
| | 126 | " 26 | Arrival of Lt Gen U.S. Minister to China on the 10th. His sickness his departure for Shanghai on the 24th | 10/29. D |
| | 127 | " 26 | Venus. Transit of. Arrival of party of observers. Procurement of facilities for their work from the Japanese Govt | 10/29. D |
| | 128 | " 28 | Stamps & blank forms requested | 10/29. D |
| | 129 | " 28 | Library of Legation. Receipt of the book "Marshall on the Constitution" & "Martins law of Nations" missing. Selection gives satisfaction | 10/29 D |
| | 130 | Oct 1 | "65 & "Commercial Relations" received | 11/6 D |
| | 131 | " 6 | Policy of U.S. in Japan. Refers to Dept's "65 and despatch 104 from U.S. minister to Russia. Explains his position in regard to co-operation with his colleagues. Thought he was acting according to Dept's views. Hopes explanation is satisfactory | 11/6 11/18 D |
| | 132 | " 6 | Formosan Expedition. Japanese preparing for war in case of failure of pending negotiations to secure an amicable settlement. Chinese residents of Japan guaranteed immunity in case of war. Has requested Govt to detach Mr Wasson an American citizen from its service. Efforts should be made to secure the protection of Foreign ports by the belligerents. Encs his reply to identical letter on subject, from Foreign consuls in Shanghai. | 11/16 11/22 D |
| | 133 | " 8 | Claim of Dr Hozuri heirs. Japan proposes to have case adjudicated in the courts. Encloses correspondence. Requests Dept's views. Thinks case should not be brought to trial. | 11/16 D |
| | 134 | " 9 | Complaint against Mr Rice the Interpreter makes it necessary to suspend him. Nominates David Thompson as his successor. Encs claim of late Netherlands consul at Yokohama vs Mr Rice for $1000. | 11/16 D |
| | 135 | " 12 | "66-67 received | 11/16 D |
| | 136 | " 12 | Jail & Court House at Yedo. Authority to draw for expenses incurred in furnishing same requested | 11/16 D |
| | 137 | Oct 27 | Claim of Peter K. Cole vs Japan. U.S. minister disapproves the claim but encloses original memorial to be returned with instructions rel to it. | 12/5 12/12 D |
| | 138 | " 27 | Coinage statistics. Encs third annual report of the Imperial Mint | 12/5 D |
| | 139 | " 28 | Nagasaki. Consul Mangum's absence from post ten days without leave, approved | 12/5 D |
| | 140 | " 28 | Execution at Hakodadi of the murderer of Mr Habe late German consul. German Minister did not wish the U.S. consul to be present at the execution. Consul's action in insisting upon being present approved. | 12/5 D |
| | 141 | " 29 | "68-74 & separate received | 12/6 D |
| | 142 | " 30 | California Code Laws. Six copies, presented to Govt of Japan, gratefully received. Two for each state presented to the compilers. | 12/5 D |
| | 143 | " 29 | Prison Reform. Appointment of Mr J C Berry to examine report on condition of Japanese | |

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| John A. Bingham | | 1874 | with compensation attached made to Japan by present minister and it is reported in accordance with instruction #47. | 12/5 D |
| | A | Nov. 2 | Foreign Relations. Suggestions rel. to despatches proposed for publication | 12/5 D |
| | 144 | " 2 | Simonoseki Indemnity. Has informed Japan of Dept's approval of his receipt for full payment of the indemnity. Encs correspondence. Refers to Dept's #2. | 12/5 D |
| | 145 | " 3 | Paymaster in Japanese Navy. J. L. Burton recommended by U.S. minister has rec'd appointment. He has contracted to serve for three years. Refers to instruction #47 | 12/5 D |
| | 146 | " 5 | Civil Service of Japan. Malicious English journals in Japan represent him as being opposed to the recommendation of U.S. citizens for appointment. | 12/5 D |
| | 147 | " 6 | Formosa Expedition. Japanese ambassador has left Peking owing to a rupture with the authorities. China is willing to do all things needful in Formosa in the way of subduing savages & protecting the coast, but will not admit Japanese claim to a just conquest of the island and a war indemnity. Ce rendre the great marplot. | 12/5 D |
| | 148 | " 6 | Marine notices. | 12/5 D |
| | 149 | " 8 | Formosan troubles, reported, at an end. | 12/5 |
| | 150 | " 9 | 75-77 received. Calls attention to error in numbering the last despatch | 12/21 D |
| | 151 | " 19 | Hunting Regulations. Encs revised regulations which were submitted to the Foreign Representatives. Mr Bingham holds that Japan has the right to legislate over foreigners provided treaty stipulations are not violated. Subject to be referred to the several Governments | 12/26 D |
| | 152 | " 19 | Formosa. Encs Convention bet. China & Japan in settlement of the question | 12/26 D |
| | 153 | " 20 | Presentation of arms to Japan. Explains his action in introducing Genl Myers & Col Lyford to the Emperor. Refers to 75 | 12/26 D |
| | 154 | " 23 | Postal Convention bet. Japan & the U.S. is in conflict with the one bet. the U.S. & Hong Kong in relation to the transmission of mails bet. Yokohama and Hong Kong. Notice given by Japan that the Postal Agencies of the U.S. would be abolished after Jany 1. Encs correspondence | 12/26 D |
| | 155 | " 26 | 78 received | 12/30 D |
| | 156 | Dec 3 | Postal Convention bet Japan & U.S. in conflict with one bet U.S. & Hong Kong. Encs correspondence. Japan desires that a U.S. postal Agent be appt. to take charge of mails bet Japan & Hong Kong until the required notice shall have been given by the U.S. for the abrogation of the treaty with Hong Kong | 12/30 |
| | tel | " 3 | Same subject | |
| | 157 | " 3 | Rents due Japan from U.S. Japan has been overpaid & is desirous to refund the amount. Requests instructions | 12/30 D |
| | 158 | " 4 | Penal laws. Consul Genl desires to adopt regulations, having the effect of laws, governing American residents in Yokohama rel. to the issue of licences. Encs. copy of the regulations proposed. Minister of opinion that no such power can be given to Consul or Minister | 12/30 1/4 D |
| | 159 | " 5 | Marine notices | 12/30 D |
| | 160 | " 5 | Foreign Relations. As to the despatches he desires to have published in | 12/30 D |
| | 161 | " 14 | Kanagawa. Recognition of Kenny H. Denison as U.S. Consul. 79-84 & Stops received | 1/28 D |
| | 162 | " 16 | Claim of Togai Jinsuke vs U.S. for loss of his vessel in 1869 by collision with U.S.S. "Achusett". Encs note from Japanese Govt. giving statement of the claim | 1/28 D |
| | 163 | " 17 | Simonoseki Indemnity. Encs receipts of Messrs Morton, Rose, & Co. for the portion of money received by him | 1/28 D |
| | 164 | " 18 | Hunting Regulations. Foreign Representatives have informed Japanese Govt that those proposed are deemed just & reasonable, but the proposed changes respecting the Tribunals & penalties should first be submitted to their respective Govts | 1/28 1/21 D |
| | 165 | " 18 | Venus Transit. Has obtained for Mexican observers facilities from Japanese Govt to make observations | 1/28 D |
| | 166 | " 31 | 85-87 received | 2/6 D |
| 1875 | 167 | Jany 2 | Postal Convention bet Japan & U.S. in conflict with the one bet U.S. & Hong Kong. Japan accepts the appt of Mr Van Buren as agent for Hong Kong mails, but considers it as only temporary. Suggests negotiations of new Conv. | 2/6 D |

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| | | 1875 | | |
| John A. Bingham | 168 | Jany 2 | Interpreter to Legation. Acceptance of his appt by David Thompson | 2/6. |
| | 169 | " 2 | New Years Reception of the Emperor. Enc address of the Diplomatic Corps & reply of the Emperor | 2/8. 9D |
| | 170 | " 2 | Foreign Relations. As to the despatches he desires should not be published | 2/8. 9D |
| | 171 | " 4 | Torture of witnesses & persons charged with crime. Refers to his 125 and gives his action in bringing about its abolition | 2/8. 10D |
| | 172 | " 7 | 88-92 received | 2/8. D |
| David Thompson | 1874 | Dec 31 | Accepts appt as Interpreter to Legation. Enc oath | 2/8. |
| C. O. Shepard | | " 20 | Audience given by the Tenno to Admiral Jenkins in June 1872. Reply to charges made by the admiral & Minister De Long that Mr Shepard who was charg' made a false report of the proceedings as detailed in his No 46 of June 16. 1872 | 1/14. |
| John A Bingham | 1875 | 173 Jany 19 | Simonoseki Indemnity. Recommendation of the President to use the fund for educational purposes in Japan meets with Ministers approval. Enc extract from Japan Weekly Mail | 2/24 D |
| | | 174 " 19 | Phil[a] Exposition. Japanese Minister to Washington to have charge of Japanese interest. A commission will also be present from Japan | 2/24. D |
| | | 175 " 19 | Legation lot at Yokei surrendered to Japanese Govt in compliance with No 90 | 2/24. D |
| | | 176 " 19 | Rent paid to Japan in excess of amount due on lot 178. Repayment of the amount by Japan. Enc draft | 2/24. D |
| | | 177 " 20 | Chart from Coast Survey Office presented to Japanese Govt. Encloses correspondence | 2/24. D |
| | | 178 " 22 | Accounts Expenditures made in furnishing the Court House & Jail at Yedo | 2/24 D |
| | | 179 " 29 | Formosa Expedition. Enc protest of Foreign Representatives against the President of the Formosan Commission to the Emperor for charging them with interfering with progress of the Expedition | 2/27 3/8 D |
| C. O. Shepard | | Feb 3 | Compensation as Charge d'Affairs. Requests favorable action by Dispatch on House bill 4127 | 2/3 |
| | | " 3 | Same subject | 2/3 |
| John A. Bingham | 180 | " 8 | 93-105 received | 4/2 D |
| | 181 | " 8 | Claim of Wm H. Hozier vs Japan. Enc correspondence with Foreign Office. Japan claims that Mr Hozier broke the contract. Minister urges the claim anew in accordance with instruction No 99. Japan seeks to evade the payment of the claim by means of quibble & Legal advice of Japan considers it his duty by evasions to work a denial of justice in the claims of U.S. citizens | 4/2 D |
| | 182 | " 8 | Claim of J. M. Batchelder vs Japan for seizure & detention of the Peiho. Requests to submit it to arbitration evaded by Japan. Minister exposes the quibbles upon which evasion was sought & renews the prosecution. Enc correspondence | 4/2 D |
| | 183 | " 9 | Formosa Expedition. Refers to his 179. Statement of the President of the Commission that the Foreign representatives remonstrated against the Expedition has been publicly corrected | 4/2 D |
| | 184 | " 9 | Recommendation of Americans to position under Japanese Govt. Gives instances in which he has made recommendations. In future he will first obtain consent of Dept. Refers to No 98 | 4/2 D |
| | 185 | " 9 | Recommendation of Americans to position under Japanese Govt. Mr G. J. Rockwell was appointed on his recommendation which was made in accordance with No 47 | 4/2 |
| | 186 | " 11 | Nautical Almanacs which accompanied 101 were forwarded to Prof David Murray | 4/2 D |
| | 187 | " 12 | Recommendation of Americans to positions under Japanese Govt. Dept consents to the recommendation of Horace Capron & N. Latham requested | 4/2 D |
| | 188 | " 12 | Foreign Relations received. Disposition the same as of same. | 4/2 D |
| | 189 | " 15 | Consular Regulations received | 4/2 D |
| | 190 | " 15 | Foreign Relations. Additional copies requested | 4/2 |

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| John A. Bingham | 191 | Feb 17 | England & France in order to obtain the same confidence & esteem of Japan as enjoyed by the U.S. have withdrawn their land forces from Japan. Correspondence on the subject bet their representatives & the Foreign Office enclosed | 4/2 d |
| | 192 | " 18 | Leave of absence. Minister requests leave for 60 days. Secretary of Legation unavoidably absent over ten days. Request that compensation be allowed him | 4/2 |
| | 193 | " 22 | Agricultural report of Thomas Hogg prepared for the Japanese Govt enclosed | 4/2 d |
| | 194 | " 22 | Light Houses on Japanese coast. List of enclosed | 4/2 d. |
| | 195 | " 22 | China. Death of the Emperor. Prince Ch'un adopted as his successor Regency to obtain during the emperors minority. Apprehensions that new Govt may prove unfavorable to foreigners. Valedictory manifesto of late Emperor enclosed | 4/21 d |
| | 196 | " 22 | 106-115 receipt | 4/2 d |
| | 197 | " 27 | Fees in Consular Courts. Reply to 104. Enc. correspondence with Com Genl at Kanagawa which shows that he charges only the fees allowed by law & regulations & that he reports the amount to the Dept | 4/6 d |
| | 198 | March 2 | Interpreter to Legation. Has handed Mr Thompson his commission. He discharges his duties satisfactorily. No 116-118 received | 4/6 d |
| | 199 | " 2 | Congressional Record requested | 4/6 d |
| | 200 | " 3 | Claim of J. M. Batchelder vs Japan for the seizure of Schr "Pride" Japan declines to consent to arbitration until the claimant shall have adduced all his proofs. Enc. correspondence | 4/6 d |
| | 201 | " 10 | Phil Exposition. Regulations & plans presented to Japanese Govt | 4/12 d |
| | 202 | " 13 | Consular Report. 119-121 received | 5/1 d |
| | 203 | " 20 | Formosa. Massacre of 300 Chinese soldiers stationed in Formosa by the aborigines. Enc report of German Consul at Takao | 5/1 d |
| | 204 | " 20 | Jurisdiction of U.S. Consul over British subjects who have enlisted in U.S. naval service, and who have committed offences in Japan. Case of Mr Coudrill, a British subject seaman on board U.S.S. "Tuscarora" charged with drunkenness brought before U.S. Consul who ordered him before the British Consul who fined him. Enc. correspondence. Mr Bingham denies the jurisdiction of British Consul in the case and considers Mr Coudrill as an American. Instructions asked. | 5/1 d |
| | 205 | " 23 | Seamen who are British subjects, discharged from Naval & Merchant vessels of U.S. in Japanese ports. Complaint of British Minister that they become a charge on the British Consul for relief. He requests that steps be taken to protect the Consul from being thus burthened. Enc. correspondence | 5/1 |
| | 206 | " 23 | Jail at Yokohama. Reports its condition. $1.000 needed for repairs. Gives terms of contract for its lease. Japanese authorities are willing to sell the Consular & jail buildings for $5.000 subject to an annual ground rent of $175.00. If repairs are to be made it would be a saving to purchase | 5/1 d |
| | 207 | " 23 | Court House & Jail at Yedo. Enc. receipt for one year rent | 5/1 d |
| | 208 | " 24 | Grazing lands in Japan. Enc. additional report of D. W. Ap Jones on the wild lands & their adaptability to the breeding of sheep & cattle, and the raising of rice, tea &c. | 5/1 d |
| | 209 | " 29 | 122-123 received | 5/1 d |
| | 210 | " 31 | Passports. Report of those issued. Reasons why no fees were collected from Admiral Jenkins & Staff. | 5/1 |
| | 211 | April 5 | Hawaiian Chargé in Japan. presents his thanks to Mr Bingham for assistance rendered on the occasion of his presentation. The Chargé is a citizen of the U.S. | 5/1 d |
| | 212 | " 6 | Destitute Americans in Japan. Calls attention to the absence of law providing for their relief. Cites the case of Mr Genereux who died on 1st Nov of Yokohama consented to admit him to native hospital but he died before he could be brought there & was buried by charity | 5/1 d |
| | 213 | " 8 | Claim of Alfred Everson, Capt of Japanese ship "Capini" vs Japan on account of breach of contract. Memorial of claim and evidence. Claim appears to be just | 5/1 d |

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| John A. Bingham | 214 | April 8 | Commercial Report of Yokohama Chamber of Commerce enclosed. Exports of treasure which go to Europe & and exports of production which go to U.S. Import from Europe & exports import from U.S. | 5/17 d |
| | 215 | " 8 | Accounts | 5/17 d |
| | 216 | " 16 | Massacre of Augustus R. Margary an officer in the British Consular service in China. Demand for indemnity by British Minister. China to promptly comply. Encs. an account of the affair printed in the Japan Gazette | 5/25 d |
| | 217 | " 17 | Licenses, Municipal & Police Regulations. Jurisdiction of Consular Courts in Japan over. Refd to No 115. Has received no response to his request for information from Consul. Encs substance of authority exercised by British Minister over British subjects in Japan. He has general power | 5/25 4/9 d |
| | 218 | " 19 | Fees in Consular Courts. Refd to No 104. Encs. reports of Consuls as to the fees collected by them & as to the disposition made of the fees. Suggest that the Consuls be required to report through the marshal such cases as may arise in their courts, the fees collected &c. | 5/25 d |
| | 219 | " 20 | Political. Encs. Imperial decree establishing a legislative and a new Judicial body, and promising other domestic reforms | 5/25 d |
| | 220 | " 21 | Reception given to Genl Capron by the Emperor upon the termination of his office as Commissioner of Agriculture. High appreciation by the Emperor of the services rendered by Genl Capron. | 5/25 d |
| | 221 | " 22 | Revised Statutes 124-130 received | 5/25 d |
| | 222 | May 6 | Claim of W. H. Hoozier vs Japan. Refers to No 181. Encs. correspondence with foreign office. Confliction of statements brought by Japan to invalidate the claim. Further instructions requested. | 6/17 d |
| | 223 | " 10 | Rents due Japan for property formerly occupied by Legation. Statement of account, received from Govt of Tokio enclosed. Suggests how the rents may be paid. | 6/17 d |
| | 224 | " 11 | Legislative & judicial bodies established in Japan. Literal translation of the Emperor's decree enclosed. Regulations governing the new establishment. Refers to No 219. Corroborates opinions therein set forth. | 6/17 d |
| | 225 | " 14 | Claim of Joseph Rees, a native of Japan & a naturalized citizen of the US, vs Japan for money loaned to carry on a coal mine. Encs papers in the case. Minister of opinion that the claim is well founded | 6/17 d |
| | 226 | " 15 | Decorations of merit. Encs Imperial order establishing orders & badges of merit to be given to persons who have faithfully served their country | 6/17 d |
| | 227 | " 18 | Opium. Importation of, into Japan for medicinal purposes. Japan's regulations therefor, 1873, & cited from Br. Min., counter to regulations submitted by For. Reps in, enclosed. Min. Bingham of opinion that under treaty Japan has the right to admit opium for the purposes indicated without any further stipulations & that the regulations notified to the latter are unlike to grant to them. Awaits instructions. | 6/17 d |
| | 228 | " 20 | Municipal regulations having the force of law, and the issuance of licenses. No consular boards nor consuls, save those of Germany and the Netherlands, have any power over such matters in Japan. Correspondence with consuls, Land Regulation of the port of Nagasaki and Convention signed by For. Reps, which clearly recognizes the right of Japan to make municipal regulations, enclosed. | 6/17 d |
| David Thompson (Interpreter) | | " 21 | Accounts as Interpreter. | 6/17 d |
| John A. Bingham | 229 | " 21 | Municipal regulations having the force of law, and the issuance of licenses. Power of British Minister in such matters. British Order in Council, and notifications & regulations issued in Japan by British Minister under authority of that order, enclosed. | 6/17 d |
| | 230 | " 22 | Peru. Encs copy of treaty of commerce & navigation bet Japan & Peru which was recently ratified. | 6/17 d |
| | 231 | " 28 | Foreign relations, reparates of Mar. 15 & Apl. 12 and 131-139 received | 7/9 d |
| | 232 | June 7 | Jurisdiction of U.S. consular courts over U.S. citizens. Cons Genl at Kanagawa subjects a US citizen to trial & punishment by Japanese authorities. Minister of opinion that Cons Genl's action is without authority. Case of J. M. Rappeport. Instructions requested. | 7/9 |

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| John A Bingham | 233 | June 7 | Statistical Atlas of the US., separate of May 1 and 140-141 received | 7/9 D |
| | 234 | " 8 | Centennial Ex. Note from For Office giving names of Japanese Commissioners enclosed. Latest regulations in regard to the opening & closing of the Ex. requested. | 7/9 D |
| | 235 | " 9 | Yesso. Report respecting that island, made to Japanese Agricultural Dept by Horace Capron & his assistants, enclosed. | 7/9 D. |
| | 236 | " 9 | Code list. Note from For Office, acknowledging its receipt, enclosed. | 7/9 D |
| | 237 | " 9 | Books for Legation. Permission for the purchase of, requested. | 7/9 D |
| | 238 | " 22 | Legislative branch of the Japanese Govt. Emperor's proclamation summoning the representatives of the people & regulations governing the legislative body enclosed. | 7/24 D |
| | 239 | " 22 | Judicial branch of the Japanese Govt. Regulations governing the new judicial establishment & the various courts & court officers enclosed. | 7/24 D. |
| | 240 | " 23 | Claim of Walsh Hall & Co vs Japan for money loaned & Japanese contractors. Asks if he shall present it. Papers in the claim enclosed. | 7/24 D |
| | 241 | " 27 | 142-143 received | 9/8 D |
| David Thompson | ~ | " 30 | Account as Interpreter | 9/8 |
| John A. Bingham | ~ | July 6 | Suit of U.S. vs James H. Webb. Enc. statement of E. Perkins Smith as to the case. He is of opinion that Dept was not aware that Brazil had paid over $5,000 in claim of the "Carolina" | 9/8 |
| | 242 | " 7 | Suit of U.S. vs James H. Webb. E. P. Smith thinks Dept only received $6,000. Sec. Seward disapproved Minister Webb's action | 7/8 |
| | 243 | " 8 | Account for telegraphing " | 9/8 |
| | 244 | " 9 | 144-149 received | 9/8 D |
| | 245 | " 17 | Light House notice enclosed | 8/13 D |
| | 246 | " 17 | Extradition of British subject guilty of embezzlement in Japan & who has fled to U.S. Consul at Kanagawa asks if he can be extradited. Minister answers in the negative | 8/13 |
| | 247 | " 23 | Recommendation of Americans to positions in Japan. Has recommended Mr. R. Corwine to be a teacher | 8/13 D. |
| | 248 | Aug 2 | 150-152 received. | 9/10 D |
| | 249 | " 2 | De Gendre. Genl. C.W., requests copies of certain papers on file in the legation. Minister declines to furnish the copies without Dept's consent. Genl. De Gendre offensive & arrogant. | 9/10 D |
| | 250 | " 3 | Death & burial of Daniel Turner Cons at Osaka & Hiogo. | 9/10 D |
| | 251 | " 3 | Municipal regulations of the several open ports in Japan and the powers of consular boards to make such regulations & to issue licenses. Refers to his "228 as being a full reply to Dept's 150. | 9/10 D |
| | 252 | " 4 | Leave of absence has been availed of by Secretary of Legation | 9/10 D |
| | 253 | " 4 | Osaka & Hiogo. Recommends H.W. Denison the present V. Cons. Genl at Kanagawa for appointment as Cons at. | 9/10 D |
| | 254 | " 4 | Fishing on the coast of Japan. Regulations of Japan prohibiting foreign vessels from engaging in, enclosed. Views of Dept. in regard to the regulations requested. | 9/10 D |
| | 255 | " 6 | Otter hunting in the northern seas of Japan. Five American vessels engaged in, have recently been wrecked. Suggests that a proclamation be issued warning Am. vessels not to engage in otter hunting in Japanese seas as it is prohibited by the Japanese fishing regulations. | 9/10 D |
| | 256 | " 19 | 153-155 received. | 9/10 D |
| | | | Newspaper attack upon him by a Mr. Howe, in regard to the recommendation of Americans for appointment in the civil service of Japan. Newspaper extract enclosed. Assertions contained in it false & malicious. | 9/15 D |

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| John A. Bingham. | 257 | Aug 23 | Arrest within treaty limits of Hon. Wm. A. Richardson & Comdr. R. F. R. Lewis U.S.N. for being without passports. Officials who made the arrest have been removed from office. Japan promises to publicly notify her officials of the action in the premises, to the end that similar indignities to Americans may be prevented in future. | 9/18 d |
| | 258 | " 23 | Secretary of Legn has returned to his post after an absence of 20 days. | 9/18 d |
| | tel. | Aug. 30 | Osaka & Hiogo. Recommends appointment of H. W. Denison, present vice consul general at Kanagawa, to fill vacancy in consulate at, caused by the death of Daniel Turner. | 9/30 d |
| | 259 | " 26 | 156-161 received | 10/7 d |
| | 260 | Sept 6 | Recommendation of Americans for positions in Japan. H. Latham, Jos G. Ayres, Geo. L. Harris, and Chas. F. Powell recommended | 10/7 d |
| | 261 | " 7 | Arrest of Wm. A. Richardson & Comdr. R. F. R. Lewis. Refers to his No 257. Encs. notification of Japanese Govt declaring that foreigners have a right to travel within treaty limits, that the arrest of the parties were wrong full; and that the officers making the arrest have been dismissed the service. Encs. also correspondence on subject | 10/7 d |
| | 262 | " 8 | Kanagawa. Charges against H. W. Denison preferred by E. E. Rice. Encs. papers in the case. Minister generally Wm Denison and renews the recommendation for the appt of Mr D as Consul at Hiogo | 10/7 |
| | 263 | " 8 | Centennial Exposition. Has asked Japanese Govt for information as to their representation. 162-164 & separate received | 10/7 d |
| | 264 | " 8 | Arrival & reception of Genls Upton, Forsyth & Major Sanger appt. to report upon military service in Japan & other countries | 10/7 d |
| | 265 | " 8 | Claim of Joseph Rice vs Japan. Refers to his No 221 and encloses copy of his naturalization papers. Reasons for considering the claim just | 10/7 d |
| | 266 | " 9 | Foreign Relations. Despatches he desires to have published in | 10/7 d |
| | 267 | " 15 | Departure of Genl Upton, Forsyth & Major Sanger. Has thanked Japanese Govt for courtesies extended | 10/21 d |
| | 268 | " 15 | Foreign Relations. Designates 267 as one of the despatches to be published in | 10/21 d |
| | 269 | " 20 | Irregular conduct of consular officers at Hakodadi & Kanagawa in addressing communications to the Japanese Minister of Public Works in which a claim in behalf of the estate of R. C. Carlyle a deceased American citizen was presented without the knowledge of the U.S. minister or of the Dept. | 10/26 |
| | 270 | " 22 | Jurisdiction of Consular Officers in Japan over sailors who have committed murder on board their vessels. Case of an Italian serving on board an American vessel who committed murder on board that vessel. Minister holds that neither the U.S. Consul General nor Italian consul at Kanagawa have jurisdiction in the case & that the seaman should be returned to the U.S. for trial. Correspondence with Cons. Genl. at Kanagawa enclosed. | 10/26 d |
| | 271 | " 22 | Claim of A. Vernede vs U.S. for compensation for the services of his ship the "Arcostook" in rescuing the survivors of the U.S.S. "Oneida". Presented. Minister commends the claim. Papers in the claim enclosed. | 10/26 d |
| | 272 | " 26 | 165-172 received | 11/9 d |
| | 273 | Oct. 6 | Osaca & Hiogo. B. R. Lewis recognized as V. Cons at. | 11/9 d |
| | 274 | " 6 | Corea. Japanese war vessel having been fired into by a Corean fort attacked & destroyed the fort & burned the village adjacent to the fort. Thinks that U.S. should, in the event of a war between Japan & Corea, issue a proclamation of neutrality. | 11/9 d |
| | 275 | " 7 | Arbitration bet. Peru & Japan by Emperor of Russia in the case of the "Maria Luz" a Peruvian slaver seized by Japan. Case decided in favor of Japan. Copies of arbitrator's decision enclosed. | 11/9 d |

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| | | 1875 | | |
| | | | Tariff Convention of 1866. | |
| John A. Bingham | 276 | Oct. 8 | Trade report of 1874 shows a balance against Japan resulting from the restrictions imposed upon Japan by the Convention of 1866. Encloses protocol bet England Germany & Japan determining the signification of the term "iron manufactured" as used in the tariff. | 11/9 D |
| | 277 | " 8 | Mexico. Encloses his note to Foreign Office transmitting the thanks of the Mexican Govt. for courtesies shown the Mexican Astronomical Expedition. | 11/9 D |
| | 278 | " 8 | Suit of U.S. vs James Watson Webb. Testimony of E.P. Smith taken & sent to the court. It is to the effect that he knew of only £5000, out of the money obtained from Brazil in settlement of the "Caroline" claim, having been paid over to the U.S. by Minister Webb. | 11/9 D |
| | 279 | " 8 | Claim of E.E. Rice vs. Japan. Encloses request of Geo. E. Rice for copies of certain papers on file in legation | 11/9 D |
| | 280 | " 9 | Accounts. | 11/9 D |
| | 281 | " 11 | Marine notices transmitted. | 11/9 D |
| | 282 | " 11 | Centennial Ex. Information given in regard to Japan's preparation for representation at. | 11/9 D |
| | 283 | " 11 | Centennial Ex. Reduction of passenger fares from Japan to Philadelphia to one half the usual fares requested by Japan. Min. has applied to the P.M.S.S. Co for a reduction of its fares. Suggests that application be made to the R.R. Companies for a reduction of fares bet. San Francisco & Philadelphia. | 11/9 D |
| | 284 | " 22 | Commercial Relations. Six copies of, received. Thanks. | 11/27 D |
| | 285 | " 25 | Sea-otter hunting. Japan protest against action of consul at Hakodadi in acquitting seamen charged with seal hunting in Japanese waters on the ground that there was not sufficient evidence to convict them & with trespassing upon Japanese territory on the ground that they were simply obeying orders. Min. has informed Japan that he cannot interfere in the matter of the consul's decision & that he will submit the case to Dept. Refers to his #253 & #254. | 11/27 D |
| | 286 | " 25 | Postal service bet. Japan & Hong Kong. Has notified Japan that the Postal Agency at Kanagawa will be discontinued after Jany. 1, 1876. Japan has not yet made any reply to the notification. Refers to Dept's #169. | 11/27 D |
| | 287 | " 25 | Americans in the civil service of Japan. Departure of Dr. David Murray for America on leave of absence & of George B. Williams for Europe, via America, in the interest of Japan. These gentlemen have acquitted themselves to the entire satisfaction of Japan. | 11/27 D |
| | 288 | " 30 | Rent paid to Japan for property formerly occupied by Legation, in accordance with instruction #171. Amount paid was $1621 72/100. Account of payment & vouchers enclosed. Refers to previous correspondence. Advises draft on Dept. for $1621.72. | 12/14 D |
| | 289 | Nov. 1 | #173-177 received. | 12/14 D |
| | 290 | " 8 | #178 & 179 received. | 12/14 D |
| | 291 | " 18 | Municipal regulations having the force of law. Power of Consular boards to enact such regulations & to issue licenses. The Nagasaki Municipal Council complains of not being allowed to maintain an action in the U.S. Consular court for the non payment by an American of license fees required by the Council & Min. of opinion that U.S. citizens in Japan cannot be made subject to regulations of Consular Boards. Refers to his #228. Papers in the complaint of the Municipal Council enclosed. | 3/27 D |
| David Thompson (Interpreter) | | Oct. 9 | Accounts. | 11/9 D |

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| John A. Bingham | 292 | Nov. 18 | Judicial system of Japan. Regulations governing the making of appeals to the superior courts of Japan enclosed. | 12/27 |
| | 293 | " 18 | Bonin Islands. Min. has availed himself of the services of a British official who is going to make a visit to those islands for the prosecution of enquiries to have enquiries instituted concerning the murder of Capt. Benjamin Pease & the number of Americans residing there. Suggests that in case Gt. Britain purposes to take possession of the islands the U.S. set up claim to the one which was taken possession of by a vessel of Commodore Perry's fleet twenty years ago. | 12/27 D |
| | 294 | " 18 | Cabinet dissensions. Member of the Imperial Council protests to the Emperor against the Prime Minister's conduct of affairs & resigns. Member of the Imperial family supports the protest & requests Emperor not to accept the resignation of the member of the council. Genl. Le Gendre has withdrawn from the service of Japan. | 12/27 D |
| | 295 | " 22 | Centennial Ex. Japan proposes to send 1100 tons of articles &c. The P.M.S.S.Co have agreed to reduce passenger fares in favor of Japanese Commissioners. Urges that everything be done which may be essential to the complete success of the Exhibition. Notes from For. Office enclosed. | 12/27 |
| | 296 | " 22 | Claim of Robt. G. Carlyle vs. Japan growing out of contract. Requests instructions as to presentation of Refers to his 269. | 12/27 |
| | 297 | " 22 | Cession by Japan to Russia of Saghalien in exchange for the Kurile Islands. Text of treaty, under which the cession was made, enclosed. | 12/27 D |
| | 298 | " 22 | British policy towards Japan. Encloses article from London Spectator suggesting that such an alliance with Japan be made by Gt. Britain as would make the Japanese a British reserve and Japan a base of operation against Asia with a view to the eventual occupation of Formosa. Min. of opinion that the article foreshadows the purpose of England. Calls attention to the injustice towards Japan of the Convention of 1866. Thinks that Japan would open Simonoseki & other ports to any power relieving her from the obligations of the convention. | 12/27 D |
| | 299 | " 22 | Costs to be deposited in Consular Courts by Japanese plaintiffs in suits against U.S. citizens. Minister decides that U.S. consuls have the right to require deposits of costs provided it is the custom of other foreign consuls to require such deposits. | 12/27 |
| | 300 | " 22 | Military service of Japan. Encs. Proclamation governing recruiting for the army. | 12/27 D |
| | 301 | " 23 | Death of Benj. P. Avery U.S. Min. to China on the 8th inst. Respect paid to his memory by legation in Japan. | 12/27 D |
| | 302 | " 24 | 180-181 received. | 12/27 D |
| | 303 | Dec 4 | Normal school for the education of Japanese girls in Tokei. Inauguration of, by the Empress. Ceremonies on the occasion. | 1/5 D |
| | 304 | " 7 | Hunting Regulations proposed by Japan have proved acceptable to all foreign governments. Japan has waived her demand for a new tribunal for the trials of foreigners for violations of the hunting regulations but demands that all fines collected in Consular Courts for such violations be paid over to her. Has endeavored to persuade Japan not to insist on this demand. Recommends however that it be acceded to. | 1/5 4/10 D |

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| | | 1875 | | |
| John A. Bingham | 305 | Dec. 7 | Newspapers for legation. Designates Cincin. Times & Wash'n Republ'n. | 1/5 D |
| | 306 | " 13 | Corea & Japan. Relations bet. Japan desires satisfaction for past injuries inflicted upon her by Corea and security from similar injuries in future. She proposes to send a Comr. to Corea to negotiate a treaty of friendship & commerce. U.S. Min has advised her to do as she proposes & to avoid war with Corea. Min. of opinion that Japan will at no distant day make war upon Corea. In case she does Min. desires to know whether he shall prevent U.S. citizens from joining the forces of Japan. | 2/2 D |
| | 307 | " 27 | 182-185 & separate of Nov. 2 received. | 2/2 D |
| | 308 | " 27 | Flags & Record-Book requested. | 2/2 D |
| | 309 | " 27 | Kanagawa. Asks whether Cons. Genl. at, is authorized to call upon Min. for any & all information of an official nature received by Min. from Japan, and whether the Cons-Genl is authorized to prosecute claims of private persons before Japanese Courts & call upon Min. for official action & information in aid of his efforts as attorney or agent. Min. has declined to accede to such calls which have been made upon him by the Cons. Genl. Correspondence with Cons Genl encl'd. | 2/2 D |
| | 310 | " 27 | Death of J. H. Hawes Cons. at Hakodadi. Instructions requested as to the administration of his estate. | 2/2. 5/12 A |
| | 311 | " 28 | Remains of late Min. to China arrived at Yokohama on 16th inst. en route for San Francisco. Attention given to the comfort of Mrs Avery by U.S. naval & consular officers and Min. | 2/2 D |
| | 312 | " 28 | Bonin Islands. Report on, by Br. Cons. at Kanagawa enclosed. There are only four white residents in the islands & only 69 residents in all. Commerce of the islands merely nominal. Capt. Benjamin Peace was probably murdered. His nationality doubtful. Refers to his #293. Does not think it needful to institute further enquiries concerning American citizens and interests in those islands. | 2/2 D |
| | 313 | " 29 | Hunting Regulations of Japan. Min. has informed Cons. Genl. at Kanagawa that American residents in Japan are subject to the regulations. Refers to his #304. Again suggests that fines collected in U.S. Consular Courts for violations of the hunting regulations be paid over to Japan. Account of a trial at the Cons. Court at Kanagawa of a U.S. citizen for malicious shooting & of a Japanese. The trial resulted in the acquittal of the accused. Newspaper article rel to the trial & the hunting regulations enclosed. | 2/2 D |
| | 314 | " 31 | Peru & China. Copy of treaty of commerce & navigation bet, enclosed. Treaty provides for redress of grievances of coolies in Peru. | 2/2 D |
| 1876 | 315 | Jany 3 | Bankrupt law of Japan. Copy of, enclosed. | 2/2 D |
| | 316 | " 3 | Normal school for the education of girls in Tokei. Desires to give copy of his #303 to Mr Katakeyama of the Educational Department of Japan who wishes to acquaint the Empress with its contents. Desires also to furnish the same person with a copy of any instruction which Dept. may give on the subject. | 2/21 4 D. |
| | 317 | " 3 | New Year's reception of the Emperor. Addresses exchanged bet. the Emperor & the Diplomatic Corps. Chief Magistrates of Republics were not recognized by Emperor at the first state dinner Min. attended, by their title of Presidents but have been so recognized since then on all state occasions | 2/2 D |

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| | | 1876 | | |
| John A. Bingham | 318 | Jany 3 | Accounts enclosed for 5th Auditor. | 2/2 D |
| | 319 | " 3 | Passport returns. | 2/2 D |
| | 320 | " 10 | No 186-191 received. | 2/9 D |
| | 321 | " 10 | Accounts. Duplicates of, enclosed for 5th Auditor. | 2/9 D |
| David Thompson Interpreter | — | " 10 | Account. | 3/3 D |
| John A. Bingham. | 322 | " 14 | Centennial Ex. Specimens of articles to be sent to, exhibited at Tokei. Commendation of the specimens. | 3/3 D |
| | 323 | " 17 | Death of Vice President Wilson. Honors to his memory. | 3/3 D |
| | 324 | " 18 | Trade-marks & labels of American manufacturers counterfeited by Japanese. Letters from firms in Philadelphia complaining of the counterfeiting encl'd. Instructions as to the course he should pursue requested. | 3/3 D |
| | 325 | " 18 | Postal service of Japan. Expenditures in, for the half year ending June 30, 1875 exceed revenue 23⅓ per cent. Report of P. Master Genl. of Japan enclosed. | 3/3 D |
| | 326 | " 19 | Mines of Japan. Report on, by Secretary of British Legation enclosed. Comments on it by Min. | 3/3 D |
| | 327 | " 19 | Printed enclosures in his 276 Duplicates of, enclosed. Reply to 188. If printed enclosures in duplicate do not accompany his despatches in future it will be owing to their not being obtainable | 3/3 D |
| | 328 | " 19 | Commerce. Revision of treaties so as to allow Japan to regulate her commerce desired by Japan. Thinks this desire should be complied with & that European Powers will comply with it. Suggests that the U.S. take the initiative in the matter. | 3/3 D |
| | 329 | " 20 | "Maria Luz" Statement of the case of, which was submitted to the Emperor of Russia for arbitration as bet Peru & Japan and which was decided in favor of Japan, enclosed. | 3/3 D |
| | 330 | " 20 | Corea & Japan. Calls attention to request in his 306 for instruction as to the issuance of a proclamation of neutrality to prevent U.S. citizens from joining the forces of Japan in the event of war bet. her & Corea. | 3/3 D |
| | 331 | " 26 | Consular Court Regulations. Amendments of certain sections of, agreed upon by Min. & Consular officers, enclosed. | 3/3 D |
| | 332 | " 26 | Postal Agency at Shanghai. Japan proposes to establish such agency. Such action on the part of Japan would be in violation of her postal treaty with the U.S. Letter from V. Cons. Genl. at Shanghai requesting that the U.S. Postal Agency at Shanghai be continued enclosed. | 3/3 D |
| | 333 | " 27 | Attack upon Geo. W. Elmer jailer of the Consulate Genl. at Kanagawa by Japanese cavalrymen & policemen. The cavalrymen & policemen have been punished. Disapproves the course of the Cons. Genl. in the matter. Desires to be instructed whether to make any further demands on Japan in regard to this matter. Correspondence enclosed. | 3/3 D |
| | 334 | " 29 | "Alabama" claimants who may be in Japan. Hon. C. Cole of Cal. addresses Min. requesting that Consuls obtain for him powers of attorney from such claimants. Mr. Cole's request was forwarded to Cons. Genl. at Kanagawa by unofficial note. Instructions requested as to how he shall treat similar requests it may be made in future | 3/3 D |

Min. declined to further Mr. Cole's request for a copy of ship's papers of the "Sumida" which is supposed to be on file in the Consulate Genl. at Kanagawa.

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| John A. Bingham. | 335 | Feb. 6 | 193 & President's Message received. | 3/7 |
| | 336 | " 5 | Correspondence of Consular officers with Min. & correspondence of Cons. Genl. at Kanagawa with Japanese officials. Difference of opinion on these subjects bet Min. & Cons. Genl. at Kanagwa. Dept's ruling on the latter subject as set forth in instruction 185 not deemed proper by Cons. Genl. Correspondence with Cons. Genl. enclosed | 3/7 3/25 D |
| | 337 | " 8 | Newspapers in Japanese language. Encloses order of Br. Min. prohibiting Br. subjects in Japan from publishing such papers. Br. Min. holds that Br. subjects are not obliged to observe general laws of Japan which are not formally approved & embodied by him in a law or regulation enacted by himself. | 3/7 D |
| | 338 | " 8 | Claim of Walsh Hall & Co. vs. Japan growing out of contract has been settled. Claimants have been paid $30000 Refers to Dept's #182 & his #240. | 3/7 D |
| | 339 | " 9 | 194-197 received. | 3/7 D |
| | 340 | " 9 | Hakodadi. Has appointed & obtained recognition of M.C. Harris as Cons. at. Withholds Consul's commission until his bond & oath are executed. | 3/7 D |
| | 341 | " 10 | Marine notices enclosed. | 3/7 D |
| | 342 | " 15 | Claim of heirs of Douglas Cassell U.S.N. vs. Japan growing out of contract. Thinks the claim is good & that it would be paid if presented. Instructions as to its presentation requested. Papers enclosed. | 3/23 |
| | 343 | " 19 | Postal agency at Shanghai. Establishment of, by Japan which is not permitted under the postal treaty bet. Japan & the U.S. Desires to know if any arrangement has been made by Post-Office Dept for such establishment. Correspondence bet. U.S. Vice Cons. Genl. & Japanese Cons. Genl. at Shanghai enc'd. | 3/23 D |
| | 344 | " 20 | Claim of A. Vermede vs. U.S. for compensation for services of his ship the "Arcostock" in rescuing survivors of the U.S.S. "Oneida". Person to whom Navy Dept. paid the amount of the claim was not the owner of the "Arcostock". Letter from Vermede's Agent enclosed. Reply to #195. | 3/23 D |
| | 345 | " 21 | Marine notices enclosed. | 3/23 D |
| | 346 | " 21 | Statistical information given in regard to mines, shipping, productions, &c. of Japan. | 3/23 D |
| | 347 | " 21 | Newspapers in Japanese language. For. Office requests Min. to prohibit Americans in Japan from publishing such papers. Press laws of Japan do not permit foreigners to publish papers in any language whatever. Submits the matter to Dept's consideration. Thinks Japanese press-laws should be modified. Correspondence with For. Office, & press laws enclosed. | 3/23 D |
| | 348 | " 22 | Centennial Ex. Emperor & all his ministers manifest great interest in it. Prime Minister & Min. of Finance will attend the Exhibition. Commissioner Saigo with 15 assistants is about to proceed to America. | 3/23 D |
| | 349 | " 23 | Leave of absence for Min & Sec. of Leg'n, for 60 days, requested. Min. would like to visit the U.S. | 3/23 D |
| | 350 | " 23 | Hakodadi. Has forwarded commission & exequatur to M.C. Harris appointed temporary consul at. Mr. Harris has filed his oath & bond. Refers to his #340. | 3/23 D |
| | 351 | Mar. 6 | Claims against Govts. Has applied for information concerning Japan's mode of adjudicating claims. Min.'s opinion in regard to this mode. 197-200 & circ. of Dec. 21, 1875 received. Circ. of June 23, 1874 was not transmitted to Legation under its date. | 4/5 D |

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| John A. Bingham | 352 | Mar. 7 | Claim of Alfred Everson, Capt. of the Japanese str. "Capron," growing out of contract, vs. Japan, is not well founded. Reply to 147. | 4/3 D |
| | 353 | " 7 | Foreign Relations received. | 4/3 D |
| | 354 | " 8 | Claim of Peter K. Cole vs. Japan. Steps taken by Min. to obtain information concerning the claim. Min. of opinion that it is useless to enquire further into the claim until claimant furnishes more information. | 4/3 D |
| | 355 | " 9 | Corea & Japan. Conclusion of a treaty between. Corea to open three ports to Japan Diplomatic intercourse to be established. Treaty will be forwarded. Refers to his 306. | 4/3 D |
| | 356 | " 9 | Tariff Convention of 1866, prevents Japan from regulating her own commerce. It was not submitted to the U.S. for ratification & could be reformed by the U.S. without consent of other treaty Powers, it having been reformed by Germany & Gt. Britain without such consent. The treaty works almost exclusively to the benefit of Gt. Britain. Refers to his 298 & 328. Recommends suggestions contained in the latter. Reply to 199. | 4/3 |
| | 357 | " 9 | Press laws of Japan. Br. Min. did not cooperate with his colleagues when he declared such laws were binding of Br. subjects in Japan. Min. of opinion that foreigners should be on an equality with natives respecting publications. Improper enquiry addressed by an official of Hiogo to U.S. Cons. at that place in reference to a missionary publication. Refers to his 337 & 347. | 4/3 D 7/2 |
| | 358 | " 17 | 201-204, record-book, & two flags received. | 4/25 D |
| | 359 | " 17 | Rescue of the crew of the Am. ship "Surprise" by the Japanese Naval vessel Fujiyama. Cons. Genl. at Kanagawa, at the instance of the underwriters, offers the Capt. of the Fujiyama a thousand yen for his services which Capt. declines to accept. Min. thanks Japan for the Capt's action but refuses to ask her to permit the Capt. to accept the money offered & informs Cons. Genl. that his action in making the offer was improper. | 4/25 |
| | 360 | " 20 | Judicial procedure in Japan. Refers to his 292. Encloses amendment to the rules governing appeals to the Supreme Court. | 4/25 D |
| | 361 | " 21 | Jail at Yedo. Account for rent of, enc'd. Advice of draft. | 4/25 D |
| | 362 | " 21 | Tax imposed by Japan upon natives taking passage in foreign steamers. Desires to know whether Japan has a right to impose the tax. As far as Japan's intent in the matter is to benefit her local carrying trade, Min. thinks her action does not conflict with treaty provisions. | 4/25 7/6 D |
| | 363 | " 21 | Corea. Description of the country & its inhabitants. Treaty bet. Japan & Corea has not been made public. Japan seems satisfied with it. | 4/25 D |
| | 364 | " 22 | Corea & Japan. Encloses copy of treaty recently concluded bet. them. | 4/25. |
| | 365 | " 23 | Saghalien & Kurile Islands. Appendix to the treaty bet. Russia & Japan for the exchange of, enclosed | 4/25 |
| | 366 | " 23 | Copyright law of Japan & law governing the publication of books encl'd. Deprecates the proposed law of the U.S. which abolishes the office of interpreter to the Legation | |

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| John A. Bingham | 367 | Mar. 23 | Jail at Yedo. Has renewed lease of, for two years. | 4/25 d |
| | 368 | " 25 | Civil service of Japan. Dr. Thomas Antisell, an American, who has been employed in, for nearly five years is about to return home. The Emperor thanked him for his valuable & faithful services. | 4/25 d |
| | Tel. | " 31 | Claim of J. M. Batchelder vs. Japan for seizure & detention of the Str. "Peiho". Japan consents to submit it to arbitration & accepts U.S. Min. acting as arbitrator for claimant. Asks if that Min. can have leave. | 4/25 d |
| | 369 | Apl. 3 | 205-207 received. | 5/8 d |
| | 370 | " 3 | Jail at Yedo. Understands that the House of Reps. does not intend to provide for the lease of. Deprecates action of the House. Vindication of his conduct which has been assailed by a newspaper. | 5/8 d 5/22 |
| | 371 | " 5 | Commerce & Trade Report of Japan encl'd. It shows a balance of trade against Japan. By the tariff convention of 1866 Japan is restricted to a very low tariff. Suggests that Japan be released from the restrictions of the Convention for the sake of justice. | 5/8 |
| | 372 | " 7 | Specimen minerals. Four boxes of, received from Japan have been forwarded for Smithsonian Institution. Transportation to San Francisco free. | 5/8 |
| | 373 | " 7 | Tax upon natives taking passage in foreign steamers. Imposition of, by Japan regarded by Br. Min. as an infraction of treaty. U.S. Min. does not so regard it Instructions requested. | 5/8 5/26 d |
| | 374 | " 8 | Passport return. | 5/8 d |
| | 375 | " 8 | Accounts transmitted for 5th Auditor. | 5/8 d |
| | 376 | " 8 | Visit of Rear Admiral Reynolds. Courtesies extended to him. | 5/8 d |
| | 377 | " 8 | Civil service of Japan. Banquet given to Lieut Murray S. Day USN. who has been employed in, on the eve of his departure for the U.S. Japan may request his services for another term. Hopes such request will be acceded to. Commendation of Lieut Day. | 5/8 d |
| | 378 | " 14 | Correction & explanation of #371. | 5/26 d |
| | 379 | " 14 | Centennial Ex. Departure of Vice Min of Education & party on a visit to. | 5/26 d |
| | 380 | " 14 | Commercial treaty. Japanese Min at Washington will be instructed to propose a revision of, to the end that she may regulate her commerce | 5/26 d |
| | 381 | " 15 | Tax upon natives taking passage in foreign steamers. Imposition of, by Japan complained of by Foreign Steamship Companies. Is of opinion that the imposition is not a violation of treaty. | 5/26 d |
| | 382 | " 17 | Claim of J. M. Batchelder vs. Japan for seizure & detention of the Str. "Peiho". Japan has accepted U.S. Min. to China as arbitrator on behalf of claimant. Urges that leave of absence be granted that Min. | 5/26 d |
| | 383 | " 19 | Commercial Treaty. Note from For. Office stating that Japanese Min. at Washington will be instructed to propose a revision of, enclosed. | 5/26 d |
| | 384 | " 20 | Tax upon natives taking passage in foreign steamers. Conference with Br. Min. on the subject of its imposition by Japan. Br. Min coincides with U.S. Min in opinion that the imposition is not illegal but thinks the law authorizing it is improperly administered. | 5/26 d |
| | 385 | " 20 | Claim of J. M. Rappeport vs. Japan for expulsion from the country. Refers to his 282. Asks instructions. Encloses memorial. | 5/26 d |

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| | | 1876 | | |
| John A. Bingham. | 386 | Apl. 22 | 208-215 received. | 5/26 d |
| | 387 | " 24 | Thanks of Agricultural Dept. of Japan to be conveyed to Navy Dept. of U.S. for having permitted Lieut Day to enter the Civil service of Japan | 5/26 |
| David Thompson Interpreter | — | " 24 | Account inclosed for 5th Auditor. | 6/26 d |
| John A. Bingham. | 388 | May 4 | Reception of U.S. Naval Officers by the Emperor. | 6/7 d |
| | 389 | " 4 | Courtesy extended by Japan to the U.S.S. "Saco". | 6/7 d |
| | 390 | " 4 | Tax to be collected from natives embarking on foreign vessels has been reduced from 25 to 10 cents. The taxation not deemed objectionable. Refers to his 362, 373, 381, & 384. Encs Japanese regulation governing travel of natives on native vessels. | 6/7 d |
| | 391 | " 6 | 217-222 received. | 6/7 d |
| | 392 | " 8 | Commerce. Revision of treaties so as to enable Japan to regulate her commerce. Should U.S. take the initiative in the matter Japan would probably not discriminate against her & Foreign Powers could not take advantage of the new provisions. U.S. would be justified in departing from the policy of cooperation in the matter. Refers to his 328, 356, & 371. Reply to 211. [Memorandum of 2nd Assist Sec'y attached.] | 6/7 6/20 d |
| | 393 | " 8 | Irregular conduct of Cons. Genl. at Kanagawa in addressing Min. of Public Works. Refers to his 269. Dept's 217 intimates that Min of Public Works is a local officer. That Minister is not a local officer. | 6/7 d |
| | 394 | " 9 | Hunting Regulations. Suggests that the Law of the U.S. be so amended as to enable Dept. to authorize the payment over to Japan of fines collected in Consular Courts for violations of the hunting regulations. Refers to his 304. Reply to 220. | 6/7 d |
| | 395 | " 9 | Books belonging to Dept. Library forwarded at request of E. Peshine Smith. | 6/7 d |
| | 396 | " 9 | Pottery of Japan. Lithographs of ancient specimens of, with description, enclosed. | 6/7 d |
| | 397 | " 9 | Leave of absence. Thanks for. | 6/7 d |
| | 398 | " 18 | Judicial system of Japan. Refers to his 292. Encloses an amendment to the regulation governing the making of appeals. | 6/19 d |
| | 399 | " 18 | Flag of the U.S. Request of Japan for, enclosed. | 6/19 d |
| | 400 | " 19 | Municipal regulations, having the force of law, enacted by Consular Boards. Gives information as to the origin of these boards Japan has not permitted them by any special act to exercise the power they claim. Min. of opinion that these boards have not power to make municipal laws for the government of Americans. Refers to his 291. | 6/19 d |
| | 401 | " 19 | Sundays have been fixed upon as days of rest throughout the Empire. | 6/19 d |
| | 402 | " 22 | Geological reports upon Yesso by B. S. Lyman forwarded | 6/19 d |
| | 403 | " 22 | Instruments for taking meteorological observations requested by Japan. Meteorological reports will be forwarded in exchange. | 6/19 d |
| D. W. Stevens, Sec. | — | " 22 | Despatch pouches forwarded. | 6/19 d |
| John A. Bingham | 404 | " 23 | Journey to be made to Yesso by the Emperor. Simplicity of the instructions issued to various villages on the route compared with instructions issued on previous similar occasions. | 6/19 d |

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| John A. Bingham | 405 | May 23 | Peruvian Chargé requests Min. to use good offices for Peru during his temporary absence. Will comply with request subject to Dept's approval. | 6/19 d<br>6/19 d |
| " | " | " 23 | Peruvian Chargé to China & Japan. Letter introducing him | 6/30 d |
| | 406 | June 1 | Corean embassy to Japan. Newspaper account of reception of, encl'd. | 7/5 d |
| | 407 | " 2 | Press laws of Japan. Encls. newspaper article commenting adversely upon the Br. Min.'s order for their observance by British subjects. | 7/5 d |
| | 408 | " 2 | Claim of J. M. Batchelder vs. Japan for seizure & detention of the str "Peiho". Min. has nominated & Japan has accepted H. W. Denison V. Cons Genl. at Kanagawa as arbitrator. | 7/5 d. |
| | 409 | " 5 | Lew Chew Islands. Japan has done nothing which interferes with treaty bet. U.S. & those islands. She proposes to make some changes in the government of those islands but will confer with U.S. before doing so. | 7/5 d. |
| | 410 | " 5 | 216-222 received. | 7/5 d |
| | 411 | " 5 | Claim of E.E. Rice to property in Japan. Encloses copy of a deed which claimant desires. | 7/5 d. |
| | 412 | " 5 | Code list of U.S. vessels presented to Japan | 7/5 d |
| | 413 | " 5 | Stationery requested. | 7/5 d |
| | 414 | " 8 | 223-226 received. | 7/5 d |
| D. W. Stevens, Sec of Leg'n. | | July 8 | Chargé. Compensation for services as, for 33 days during Min.'s absence from post. Asks as to course he should pursue to obtain it. | 8/7 d |
| John A. Bingham | 415 | " 8 | 227-231 received. | 8/7 d |
| | 416 | " 10 | Interpreter. Requests leave of absence for 60 days for. | 8/7 d. |
| | 417 | " 10 | Absence from post for 33 days reported. | 8/7 d. |
| | 418 | " 22 | 232-238 & circular No 4 receiving | 8/25 d |
| | 419 | Aug 7 | Press laws of Japan. Arrest of a Japanese for aiding in the distribution of certain tracts in Japanese. Discharged on the ground that a tract is not a newspaper or a magazine in the sense in which the term is used in the laws. Enc. correspondence | 9/5. 6 d |
| | 420 | " 7 | Press laws of Japan. Consuls in Japan have been instructed to notify Americans not to publish newspapers or magazines in Japanese | 9/5. 6 d |
| | 421 | " 7 | Trade dollars are brought to Osaka & there received into Japanese yen at the Japanese mint in the interest of foreign bankers | 9/5. 6 d |
| | 422 | " 7 | Claims vs Govt. Mode of presenting & prosecuting claims vs Japan. | 9/5. 6 d |
| | 423 | " 8 | Account | 9/5 d |
| | 424 | " 8 | Telegraph Cables. Application of American & East Indian Tel. Co. for permission to land & operate lines in Japan. Encl. Inspector of C. asks instructions as to whether he shall apply to Japanese Govt. | 9/5 d |
| | 425 | " 8 | Commercial treaties with Japan. Gives names of states that have made treaties with Japan similar to the one with U.S. of 1866. Treaty with Germany reduces the rates of duty on cotton & woolen goods some twenty per cent. Enc. book containing all treaties concluded by Japan with Foreign powers | 9/5 d |
| | 426 | " 8 | Code list of U.S. vessels. Japanese Govt. will pass thanks for copy | 9/5 d |
| | 427 | " 11 | British policy in Japan. Refers to his 298 & encl. article from the Shanghai Courier stating the need of England to have Japan as an ally and some island as a base of operations. Lew Chew and an island of Corea referred to | 9/5. 6 d |
| David Thompson | | July 10 | Account as Interpreter. | 9/7 d |
| John A Bingham | 428 | Aug 21 | Foreign Representatives in Japan. Encl. list | 9/15 d |
| | 429 | " 22 | Railroad bet Kiobi & Osaka completed. Passports to Kiobi to be granted to Amer. upon application to local authorities through Consul at Hiogo | 9/ d |

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| John A. Bingham | 430 | Aug 22 | Pension incomes hitherto allowed to the nobles reduc. Enc. order capitalizing these incomes into Govt. bonds | 9/15 D |
| | 431 | " 22 | Consular Courts in Japan. Minister of foreign affairs requests copies of all laws & regulations governing appeals in cases brought before U.S. Consuls by Japanese subjects | 9/15 D |
| | 432 | " 22 | Charles Sloos convicted by U.S. Consul at Hiogo for an assault & punished, on his return is registered as a Dutch subject Consul informed that he cannot be considered an Am. & entitled to protection except on presentation of proof of citizenship | 9/15 D |
| | 433 | " 22 | Centennial 4th of July Celebration | 9/15 D |
| | 434 | " 22 | China. Massacre of Mr Margary, a British subject, & suit at Yunnan. Consul at Tientsin reports that Viceroy of Yunnan province has been appt. Commissioner to proceed to Chefoo to adjust difficulties with British Minister | 9/15 D |
| | 435 | " 22 | Exchange rates to accompany his account enclosed | 9/15 D |
| | 436 | Sep. 11 | 239-243 & separate of July 21, received. | 10/11 |
| | 437 | " 5 | Foreign Relations. Designates despatches for publication in. | 10/11 |
| | 438 | " 5 | Tax. Exaction of, from natives embarking on foreign vessels can work no hurt to trade of U.S. vessels. Reply to 227. | 10/11 |
| | 439 | " 5 | Sec'y of Legn & Interpreter. Reports that former was absent from post for 15 days & the latter for 9 days. | 10/11 |
| | 440 | " 11 | Claim of J.M. Batchelder vs. Japan for seizure & detention of the steamer "Peihs". Further delay on the part of Japan in settling it. That Govt. proposes to send the argument of Mr. Batchelder to Washington. Min. intends to remonstrate against such proceeding. | 10/11 D |
| | 441 | " 19 | Constitution for Japan. Examination of foreign laws ordered with a view to the framing of. Encloses the order. | 10/26 D |
| | 442 | " 19 | Sureties. Laws regulating proceedings against, when principals have absconded enclosed. | 10/26 D |
| | 443 | " 20 | Educational report of Japan encl'd. | 10/26 D |
| | 444 | " 20 | Russian Min. promoted to rank of E.E. & M.P. with salary of about $22,000. Russia has erected a legation building. U.S. could purchase Legation property in Tokei at present for $20000. & save heavy expense for rent hereafter. | 10/26 D |
| | 445 | " 20 | Marine notice enclosed. | 10/26 D |
| | 446 | " 23 | Claim of heirs of Douglass Cassell U.S.N. vs. Japan growing out of contract. Min. presents claim & is informed that Japanese Min. at Washington has been instructed to settle it. Encs. correspondence. Japan's prompt & honorable action duly acknd. | 10/26 D |
| | 447 | " 23 | Foreign Relations. Designates despatches for publication in. | 10/26 D |
| | 448 | Oct. 9 | 244-247 received. | 11/7 D |
| | 449 | " 9 | Flag of the U.S. presented to Japan. | 11/7 D |
| | 450 | " 9 | Despatch pouch. An extra one requested. | 11/7 D |
| | 451 | " 10 | Flag of Japan presented to the U.S. in return for a flag of the U.S. It will be delivered to Commdr. of the U.S.S. Kearsarge | 11/7 D |
| | 452 | " 11 | Accounts enclosed for 5th Auditor. | 11/7 D |
| | 453 | " 11 | Banks (National) in Japan. Laws governing them enclosed. Notes of National Banks amounting to $10000000 are in circulation. No provision has been made for their redemption. They are received at par in all transactions | 11/7 D |
| | 454 | " 11 | Claim of J.M. Rappeport vs. Japan for wrongful deportation. No evidence in support of, or of claimant's U.S. citizenship has been received. Cons. Genl. at Kanagawa denies statements made by Rappeport, as to his social & commercial standing. | 11/7 D |
| | 455 | " 21 | Corea & Japan Supplementary treaty &c., trade regulations encl'd. Japan deserves credit for having the treaty provide for return to their homes [illegible] | 11/7 D |

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| | | 1876 | | |
| John A. Bingham | 451 | Oct. 23 | Claim of J.M. Rappeport vs Japan for wrongful deportation. Letter from claimant encl'd. Min. does not consider it satisfactory, & thinks the claim as it now stands is not entitled to consideration | 11/29 D |
| | 457 | " 24 | Trials of U.S. citizens in Japan. Min. thinks that provisions made for, in the newly promulgated harbor & customs regulations for the Ogasawara (Bonin) Islands are at variance with treaty stipulation. Will request their non enforcement pending receipt of instructions. Rgl'ns encld. | 11/29 D |
| | 458 | Nov. 8 | 248-263 & circ of Sep. 18 received. | 12/14 D |
| | 459 | " 8 | Hunting Regulations of Japan. Question in regard to payment over to Japan by Consular Courts of fines collected for violations of, has been obviated by Dip. Corps which has upon suggestion of Mr. Bingham concluded that foreigners violating the regulations shall be subject to answer in civil action before their respective consular courts (imposition of fines being thus avoided). Form of license & covenant to be taken out & executed by foreigners desiring to hunt in Japan & explanatory note to For. Office encl'd. | 12/14 D |
| | 460 | " 8 | Insurrection in some of the provinces of Japan. Is informed by For. Office that the insurgents are under control. | 12/14 D |
| | 461 | " 9 | Consular Regulations presented to For. Office. | 12/14 D |
| | 462 | " 9 | Trials of U.S. citizens in Japan. Encs. note to For. Office stating that recent regulations concerning the Ogasawara Islands providing for punishment for offences there committed are at variance with treaty. Min for For. Affs similarly informed in an interview. Reply to note not yet received. Refers to his 457, 312, & 293. The Ogasawara & Bonin Islands are identical. | 12/14 D |
| David Thompson Interpreter | " | " 13 | Account for salary. | 12/15 D |
| John A. Bingham | 463 | " 21 | Cable bet. Japan & the U.S. Japan will grant privilege of landing to an American Company but not exclusive privilege to any one company. Reports interviews with Min. for For. Affs. Reply to 293. | 12/20 D. |
| | 464 | " 22 | Monetary Commission of the U.S. Forwards information for. | 12/20 D. |
| | 465 | " 22 | Meteorological observations transmitted. | 12/20 D. |
| | 466 | " 23 | Trials of U.S. citizens in Japan. Encs. note from For. Office stating that for trivial offences committed by U.S. citizens in the Bonin Islds it would be impracticable to transfer offenders to Consulates for trial but grave offenders would be so transferred. Refers to his 462. Asks as to protection of U.S. citizens on those Islds in any property rights they may have acquired. Gt. Britain will insist on such protection of her subjects. | 12/20 D |
| | 467 | " 24 | Courtesies extended to Japanese military officers in the U.S. Letter of thanks for, from Min. of War encld. Mr. Bingham has acknowledged its receipt with satisfaction. | 1/20 D. |
| | 468 | " 24 | Claim of Japan vs E.E. Rice, who was consl agt at Hakodadi, for supplies furnished merchant vessels in 1857-58 upon his request. Encs papers. Thinks the claim is just. | 12/20 D. |
| | 469 | Dec. 9 | 254 rec'd. | 1/3 D |
| | 470 | " 9 | Marine notices enclosed. | 1/3 D |
| | 471 | " 9 | Meteorological observations taken in Tokei transmitted. | 1/3 D |
| | 472 | " 11 | Trials of U.S. citizens. —— Provision for, in recent regulations of Japan respecting the Bonin Islds. which is at variance with treaty. Encs correspondence with For. Office from which it appears that forts in these Islds are not to be closed & that foreigners will be protected in property & other rights which they have acquired | 1/3 D |

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| | | 1877 | | |
| John A. Bingham | 527 | Mar. 26 | Meteorological report for 1875 enclosed for Chief Signal Officer. | 4/30 d |
| | 528 | " 26 | 270 & 271 received. | 4/30 d. |
| | 529 | " 27 | Jail & Court House at Yedo. Account for rent of. Advises draft. | 4/30 d |
| | 530 | " 27 | Rebellion in Satsuma. Battle fought on 22d inst. without decisive results. Thinks insurgents will have to yield for want of supplies. | 4/30 d |
| | 531 | " 28 | Prison Congress to be held at Stockholm. Has informed For. Office that his presentation thereto of a comm'n from E.C. Wines, U.S. delegate, requesting Japan's participation was unofficial. | Reply to 270. 4/30 d |
| | 532 | " 28 | Navy Dept. of Japan. Proclamation announcing removal of, temporarily | |
| D.W. Stevens, Sec. of Legn. | | " 31 | to Nagasaki enclosed. | 4/31 d |
| | | | Account. | 5/9 d |
| John A. Bingham | 533 | Apl. 9 | 272-275 received. | 5/9 d |
| | 534 | " 9 | Rebellion in Satsuma. Engagements occur daily. Great loss of life. | 5/9 d |
| | 535 | " 12 | Passport returns. | 5/9 d |
| | 536 | " 12 | Accounts enclosed for 5th Auditor | 5/9 d |
| | 537 | " 12 | Death of Commander Marvin of U.S.S. "Alert" at Yokohama on 10th inst. announced. Funeral ceremonies. | 5/9 d. |
| David Thompson Interpr. | | " 12 | Account encl'd. for 5th Auditor | 5/23 d |
| John A. Bingham | 538 | " 21 | 276-279 received. | 5/23 d |
| | 539 | " 21 | Marine notice enclosed. | 5/23 d |
| | 540 | " 21 | Meteorological reports enclosed. | 5/23 d |
| | 541 | " 21 | Canal (Interoceanic) through Nicaragua. Dept.'s 277 will be obeyed | 5/23 d |
| | 542 | " 21 | Rebellion in Satsuma. Victory for Govt. troops. Thinks that rebellion was caused by the excessive taxes imposed by the Govt. in consequence of Western Powers having cut her off from any considerable revenue from Imports. | 5/23 d. |
| | 543 | " 21 | Rebellion in Satsuma. Maps of the seat of war enclosed. | 5/23 d |
| | 544 | " 21 | Legation building. Purchase of, by U.S. Refers to recommendation contained in his 520 and urges against delay in submitting matter to Congress. | 5/23 d |
| | 545 | " 22 | Appt'mt of Wm. M. Evarts as Sec. of State. Announcement of, received. | 6/6 d |
| | 546 | " 27 | Monitary Commission of the U.S. Has conveyed thanks of, to Japanese officials for information furnished by them. | 6/6 d |
| | 547 | " 27 | 280-282 & encls. of Mar. 12 & 15 received. | 6/6 d |
| | 548 | " 28 | Oil lands of Japan. Report of geological survey of, by B.S. Lyman a U.S. citizen in the service of Japan. Two copies encl'd. | 6/6 d. |
| | 549 | " 30 | Commercial treaty with Japan. Urges revision of. Calls attention to injustice which a forced construction of the tariff of 1866 can work against Japan, in regard to export duties on coal. B. Govt. has made use of such a construction and Japan in consequence loses a large revenue. | 6/6 d |
| | 550 | " 30 | Russo-Turkish war. Understands that war was declared by Russia against Turkey on the 24th inst. Russia apprehends opposition on the part of England. | 6/6 d |
| | 551 | " 30 | Geology of Yesso. Two copies of General report on, by B.S. Lyman transmitted. Mr. Lyman has acquitted himself in the work entrusted to him by Japan to the entire satisfaction of that Govt. | 6/6 d |
| | 552 | May 2 | Trade regulations recently issued by Japan for the prevention of illegal traffic during time of war, encl'd. News of Dep't. in regard to them requested it being likely that question will be raised by some of the treaty-powers as to right of Japan to make such regulations. | 6/6 d |
| | 553 | " 5 | Accounts. Duplicates enclosed. | 6/6 d |
| | 554 | " 7 | "Maria Luz" a Peruvian ship. Proceeds of sale of. Has paid to owners $4.713 00/100. A balance of 258 12/100 remains on deposit to await further action of Japan & Peru in regard to claims against the vessel for that amount on account of supplies furnished. Reply to 250. Encs. correspondence. | 6/6 d |

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| | | 1877 | | |
| John A. Bingham | 555 | May 7 | Municipal regulations of Yokohama have for some time been administered by a foreigner in the service of Japan under the title of Municipal Director. Services of such director have recently been dispensed with by Japan. Br. Min. & Foreign Consuls think that the office of Municipal director should not be abolished and the latter have petitioned agt. action of Japan. Mr. Bingham thinks Japan has a perfect right to do as she has done. Instructions requested. | 6/6 |
| | 556 | " 7 | Telegraph cables. East India Telegraph Co. again applies to Cons Genl. at Kanagawa with a view to securing permission to land a cable & operate wires in Japan. In reply to enquiry of Cons. Genl. as to what steps have been taken in the matter Legn. states that it cannot furnish information without instructions from Dept. The Co. has made this second application to the Cons Genl. at the suggestion of Japanese Min. in Washn. Refers to previous correspondence | 6/6 |
| | 557 | " 9 | Grounding of the P.M.S.S. "City of Peking" in bay of Yedo on 24th ult. announced. Commendation of skill & fidelity to duty displayed on the occasion by Lieut Tanner U.S.N. who was in command of the vessel. | 6/6 |
| | 558 | " 10 | Rebellion in Satsuma. There has been no decisive conflict or advantage gained by either party since his 542 was forwd. | 6/6 |
| | 559 | " 16 | 283-289 & circ. of Mar. 22 received. | 6/18 |
| | 560 | " 16 | Commercial treaty with Japan. Urges revision of, so as to enable Japan to collect a fair import duty, she in return exempting U.S. merchandize from export duty & opening new ports to American commerce. England is estopped from claiming that we cannot effect such revision without her consent & cooperation. Encls article published in N.Y. World & copied in Japan Herald objecting to such revision. Fallacy of its objections. Is confident that it was inspired by some one at Washington in the English service. | 6/18 |
| | 561 | " 21 | Naturalization. Power of Japan to grant it to foreigners. For. Office having asked Mr. Bingham's opinion on subject he stated orally that Japan has such power. | 6/18 |
| | 562 | " 21 | Record book & 289 received. | 6/18 |
| | 563 | " 21 | Record book requested. | 6/18 |
| | 564 | " 21 | Insurrection in Satsuma. Will abstain from issuing proclamation of neutrality unless it shall seem necessary for him to do so. | 6/18 |
| | 565 | " 22 | Meteorological reports encld. | 6/18 |
| | 566 | " 22 | Marine notice. Six copies of, enclosed. | 6/18 |
| | 567 | " 22 | Leave of absence not to be availed of at present in view of probability that grave complications will arise in the East out of the Russo Turkish war. | 6/18 |
| | 568 | " 22 | Marine notice. Six copies of, enclosed. | 6/18 |
| | 569 | " 23 | Judicial code of Japan has been so amended that sureties can be held to answer at once, instead of at the expiration of 3 years, for the default of his absconding principals. Refers to | 6/18 |
| | 570 | " 23 | Recognition by the Emperor of the services rendered by Genl. Kuroda against the Satsuma insurgents | 6/18 |
| | 571 | " 23 | Insurrection in Satsuma. Probable suppression of, in 30 days. Has suggested to the Govt. that the Emperor in the event of his triumphing should season justice with mercy. Address of Commander in Chief of Govt. forces to the people of Satsuma, urging them to refrain from insurrectionary movements, encld. | 6/18 |
| | 572 | " 30 | Claim of A.C. Dunn vs. Japan for enforcement of judgment obtained by him in Japanese courts against the Japanese Petroleum Co. Has presented it to For. Office which seems indisposed to do justice or act in conformity with treaty stipulations. Refers in case | 6/ |

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| | | 1877 | | |
| John A. Bingham | 573 | May 31 | Insurrection in Satsuma. Amnesty has been offered to such of the insurgents as will lay down their arms. | 6/29 d |
| | 574 | June 1 | Death of Privy Councillor Kido on 26th ult. announced. He was one of the first men of the Empire & was one of the Chief Comm^rs to the U.S. in 1872. Note of condolence to For. Office stating that flag of Legn. will be displayed at half-mast, enclosed. | 6/29 d |
| | 575 | " 1 | Courtesies shown to Genl. Upton & suite. Thanks of War Dept for, have been conveyed to Japan. | 6/29 d |
| | 576 | " 1 | Geological & coal survey of Yesso by B.S. Lyman a U.S. citizen in service of Japan. Report of, encld. | 6/29 d |
| | 577 | " 1 | 290 receipt. | 6/29 d |
| | 578 | " 2 | Insurrection in Satsuma. Decree of Prime Minister enjoining strict observance of orders for prevention of contraband trade, and Proclamation of Commander in Chief of Govt. forces inciting his troops to renewed exertions encls. | 6/29 d |
| | 579 | " 5 | Insurrection in Satsuma. New uprisings in sympathy with, have been suppressed. Latest intelligence indicates that end of the insurrection is near. Map of disaffected districts encld. | 6/29 d |
| | 580 | " 14 | 291-292 receipt | 7/25 d |
| | 581 | " 16 | Jurisdiction of U.S. Consuls over foreigners who have enlisted in U.S. naval service & who have committed offences in Japan. Com. Kimball denies the statement made by Minister in his No. 204 & 270 that he refused to take jurisdiction. Minister reaffirms his statement | 7/25 |
| | 582 | " 16 | Marine notices enclosed | 7/25 d 2 p |
| | 583 | " 16 | Meteorological reports enclosed | 7/25 d |
| | 584 | " 18 | Customs reports of Japan for April transmitted with comment | 7/25 26 d |
| | 585 | " 19 | Postage rates established by Japan under the Postal Union. Treaty of enclosed | 7/25 27 d |
| | 586 | " 19 | Kanagawa. Charges of official misconduct preferred against the Consul Genl at, by H. P. Arbeeam master of the "Stonewall Jackson" Will investigate charges as instructed in No 293 | 7/25 28 d |
| S. H. Stevens | | " 21 | Salary instruction as Chargé d'Affaires receipt | 7/25 d |
| John A. Bingham | 587 | " 23 | Insurrection in Satsuma nearly at an end | 7/25 d |
| | 588 | " 26 | Commercial Relations requested for Japan | 7/25 d |
| | 589 | July 11 | Kanagawa. Charges of official misconduct preferred agt. Cons.-Genl. at, by H. P. Arbeeam, master of the "Stonewall Jackson" Replies to No 293 & encloses evidence taken and correspondence on the subject. | 7/6 d |
| | 590 | " 11 | 294-298 received. | 7/6 d |
| | 591 | " 11 | Accounts. | 7/6 d |
| | 592 | " 23 | Kanagawa. Charges of official misconduct preferred agt Cons.-Genl at, by H.P. Arbeeam, master of the "Stonewall Jackson" Explains why he did not take evidence of Dr. Tripler, and requests that statement, in his No 589, conveying the idea, that he considered it his duty to examine Dr. Tripler, be corrected in a contrary sense | 7/18 d |
| | 593 | " 23 | 299-300 & a record book received. | 7/18 d |
| | 595 | " 23 | Legation list prepared by Japanese For. Office encld. | 7/18 d |
| | 594 | " 23 | Accounts. Duplicates forwarded. | 7/18 d |
| | 596 | " 24 | Insurrection in Satsuma. Insurgents decline to lay down their arms as requested by the Govt. asserting that right is on their side. | 7/18 d |
| | 597 | " 24 | Reform of Japanese system of Govt. Memorial of a certain society praying for, encld. It urges among other things the institution of a representative assembly and revision of treaties with Western Powers. Emperor is said to | 7/18 d |

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| Japan. from page 502. | | 1877 | | |
| John A. Bingham | 598 | July 24 | Decoration of the "Rising Sun" has been conferred by Emperor upon Dr. G. F. Verbeck a U.S. citizen in service of Japan. This is a very eminent distinction and attained by very few. | 8/18 d |
| David Thompson, Interp. | " | " 24 | Account. | 8/18 d |
| John A. Bingham | 599 | " 28 | Commercial treaty with Japan. If co-operation policy be followed in revision of, no revision of any consequence will be effected. Has not committed & will not commit U.S. to any proposition of Japan on subject of revision | 9/7 d |
| | 600 | " 28 | Visit of John L. Cadwalader, Ex Asst. Sec. of State. Emperor granted him an audience on 21st inst. | 9/7 d |
| | 601 | " 28 | Quarantine Regulations. Question as to right of Japan to make such regulations which will be obligatory upon foreigners. U.S. Min. admits the right, Br. Min. does not. U.S. Cons. Genl. at Kanagawa in addressing local authorities acknowledged this right and Min. has approved his course. | 9/7 |
| | 602 | " 30 | Legation grounds & building. Proposed bill for purchase of, should contain a proviso that so much of the amount appropriated as may be necessary shall be applied in providing a temporary Legation building during year 1878, as lease of present premises expires 15th of March next. | 9/7 d |
| | 603 | Aug 1 | Commercial treaty with Japan. Revision of. Article from Boston Advertiser claiming that Japan demands of U.S. surrender of right of exterritoriality, enald. States that Japan has expressly declined to make such demand; regrets the publication; hopes revision scheme will not be defeated. | 9/7 |
| | 604 | " 1 | Municipal affairs. Admission by Dept. of Japan's right of control over, as set forth in #296 gratifying | 9/7 d |
| | 605 | " 1 | Quarantine Regulations agreed upon by For. Reps. in 1873 restrict right of Japan to make such regulations, & provide for a Commission which is not by laws or treaty a tribunal of necessary resort for Americans. Consequently they should not be enforced. Refers to his 601 & Mr. De Long's 467. | 9/7 |
| | 606 | " 2 | Loss of the "Roving Sailor" in a severe storm on July 26. announced. Crew escaped and were kindly treated by Japanese villagers. | 9/7 |
| | 607 | " 3 | Telegraph cable. As American & East India Co. has sought to secure permission to land one & operate wires in Japan; through Japanese Min. at Washn & U.S. Cons. Genl. at Kanagawa, without consulting U.S. Govt-Min. suggests that Japan be requested to address U.S. on subject, before granting the permission. Encs. letters addressed by the Co. to U.S. Cons. Genl. | 9/7 d |
| | 608 | " 6 | Insurgents. Orders recently issued respecting trial & punishment of persons who have assisted them enclsd. They authorize the use of torture. | 9/7 d |
| | 609 | " 6 | Insurrection in Satsuma. Return of Emperor to Capital on 1st inst, after an absence of 6 mos, indicates substantial suppression of. | 9/7 d |
| | 610 | " 8 | 301-304 receives. | 9/7 d |
| | 611 | " 11 | Insurgents. Newspaper article enclosed denying that in trial of persons who assisted them the use of torture is authorized. Refers to his #608. | 9/7 |
| | 612 | Sep. 5 | #305 & #306 recd. | 10/05 d |
| | 613 | " 5 | Absence from post for 17 days reported. Thinks such absence was not contrary to Printed Personal Instructions | 10/05 d |
| | 614 | " 5 | Educational report of Japan. Receipt of Librarian of Congress for | 10/05 d |

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| | | 1877 | | |
| John A. Bingham | 615 | Sep. 5 | Correspondence bet. Dept. & Japanese Embassy of 1859. There is no copy ?, in Legn. Mr. Harris former Min. may have thought that the copy of it sent by Dept. to him in June 1860 was intended for him personally, & he may have retained it. Suggests that Mr. Harris be addressed. Reply to #301. | 10/10. |
| ✓ | 616 | " 6 | Commercial Relations for 1875 & 1876 recd. Two copies of the publication for 1876 presented to Japan. Desires that two copies of For. Relns for 1877 be sent by Dept. for similar presentation. | 10/10 d |
| ✓ | 617 | " 6 | Death of a princess, the aunt of the Emperor. Announcement of, & Min.'s reply thereto encls. | 10/10 d |
| ✓ | 618 | " 6 | Commercial treaty with Japan. Revision of, in order to enable Japan to regulate her commerce. Views expressed in Dept.'s 305 gratifying. Argues in favor of the revision. Thinks that Russia & England who have been opposed to modifying the treaties are becoming favorable to a just change. | 10/10 |
| ✓ | 619 | " 7 | Marine notices enclosed. | 10/10 d |
| ✓ | 620 | " 7 | Meteorological reports transmitted. | 10/10 d |
| ✓ | 621 | " 7 | Customs reports of Japan for May & June 1877 transmitted. Gives summary thereof, showing balance of trade to have been against Japan in consequence of treaty of 1866. | 10/10 |
| ✓ | 622 | " 7 | Agricultural College in Yesso. Report of, made by its Pres. W.S. Clark a U.S. citizen encls. Mr. Clark's term of service has expired. His duties have been performed with great credit to himself, & to the satisfaction of Japan | 10/10 d |
| ✓ | 623 | " 7 | Industrial Exhibition was inaugurated by Emperor on 21st August. Season tickets were furnished Min. Acknowledgment of them & invitation to attend opening ceremonies encls. | 10/10 d |
| ✓ | 624 | " 17 | #307 & circ. of Aug. 7 recd. | 10/17 d |
| ✓ | 625 | " 17 | Commercial Relns. Refers to his #616, and encloses note from For. Office expressing thanks for copies of. | 10/17 |
| ✓ | 626 | " 17 | Financial. Govt. decree establishing rates of interest encls. | 10/17 |
| ✓ | 627 | " 17 | Portuguese Min. to China Japan & Siam. Note from Mr. da Silva announcing his apptmt. as, & Legn.'s reply thereto encls | 10/17 |
| ✓ | 628 | " 17 | Customs report for July 1877 encls. Gives summary thereof. It shows balance of trade agt. Japan. Thinks arrangement could be made for importation by Japan of all her cotton from U.S. instead of from England. | 10/17 |
| ✓ | 629 | " 19 | Cholera at Yokohama. Nine deaths in two days. Proposition of Govr. of Yokohama to establish a quarantine, to which U.S. Cons. Genl. assented, was not carried into effect because other Consular officers would not assent. | 10/17 |
| ✓ | 630 | " 19 | Stationery requested. | 10/17 d |
| ✓ | 631 | " 24 | Educational systems exhibited at Centennial Exposition. Report of Japanese Commission on, transmitted. Suggests that it be published. | 10/26 d |
| ✓ | 632 | " 25 | Ground rents of foreigners in Tokei have been reduced by Japan upon representations made by For. Reps. & in view of the depressed condition of business, but right to increase in case of revival of business has been reserved by Japan. The reduction with its condition has been accepted by U.S. citizens upon advice of Min. | 10/26 d |
| ✓ | 633 | " 25 | Suit of Wm. H. Doyle vs a native of Japan. Doyle complains that defendant evades suit by keeping outside of treaty limits. For. Office replies to representation of Min. that if whereabouts of defendant become known to the court he will be brought back within treaty limits. | 10/26 d |

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| John A. Bingham | 634 | Sep. 27 | Cholera at Kanagawa. Physicians pronounce it to be Asiatic cholera. Progress of the disease is supposed to be checked. | 10/26 |
| | 635 | " 27 | Rebellion in Satsuma. Official announcement of suppression of, enclosed. It is reported that all the rebel leaders fell in battle on 24th inst. | 10/26 |
| | 636 | " 27 | Trade with Japan. Min. confident that it can be increased by effecting proposed treaty revision & notifying the Japanese that U.S. can supply them with goods more cheaply than Europe can. For. Office expresses belief that trade bet. the two govts. can be increased. Customs report of Japan for 1876 enclosed with comments. | 10/26 |
| | 637 | Oct. 2 | Accounts. | 11/9 d |
| | 638 | " 2 | Passport returns | 11/9 d |
| | 639 | " 5 | 305, 309, & circ. of Aug. 20 received. | 11/9 d |
| | 640 | " 5 | Accounts. States his construction of circ. of Aug. 20 rel. to remittance of. | 11/9 d |
| D. W. Stevens Sec. | — | " 5 | Circular of Aug. 20, received. | 11/9 d |
| John A. Bingham | 641 | " 8 | Meteorological returns of Japan transmitted. | 11/9 d |
| | 642 | " 8 | Trade bet U.S. & Japan. States how a paying trade in cotton & woolen goods can be established. | 11/9 d |
| | 643 | " 8 | Commercial treaty. Revision of. Japan is about to make to Gt. Britain a proposition similar to that made to U.S. Br. Sec. of Legn. has made a report on the finances of Japan in which he states that Japan would not be benefitted by an increase of her import duties. Newspaper review of the report enclosed. | 11/9 d |
| | 644 | " 10 | Commercial treaty. Revision of. Reports conversation with Br. Sec. of Legn. who admits that revision would be just to Japan but thinks that her revenue would not be increased by an increase of import duties as in the event of such increase imports would fall off. Mr. Bingham replies that high import duties certainly increase England's revenue and there was no reason why higher duties than now allowed would not benefit Japan. England is disposed to dictate what course U.S. shall pursue & failing to control our action will probably act with advantage to herself to be the first to revise treaties with Japan. Hopes U.S. will be the first to revise. | 11/9 12/4 d |
| | 645 | " 10 | Expiration of term of service of Genl. J. R. Barton in Navy Dept. of Japan announced. Letter from Navy Dept. expressing entire satisfaction with & thanks for Mr. Barton's services enclosed. | 11/9 d |
| | 646 | " 10 | Osaka & Hiogo. Orders have been issued for recognition of J. Stahel as Cons. at. | 11/9 d |
| | 647 | " 11 | Return from the seat of the rebellion in Satsuma of the Commander in Chief of the Imperial forces and Admiral of Japanese Navy. Ovation tendered them. | 11/9 d |
| | 648 | " 19 | Commercial treaty. Revision of. Article hostile to such revision published in an English journal in Japan encl. Thinks that in response to Japan's proposition England will assent to some verbal changes in the treaty with a view to present a change that would relieve Japan, & would further American interests. Hostility of England to revision of Japan's treaty. | 12/1 d |
| | 649 | " 24 | Accounts. Duplicates enclosed | 12/1 d |
| | 650 | " 25 | 310-312 received. | 12/1 d |
| | 651 | " 26 | Exhibition (National) of Japan. Catalogue of, transmitted | 12/ |
| See page 644. | 652 | " 26 | Receipt of Ins 599-601, 604 605, & 607. Has not been Dated of. | 12/ |

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| Japan from p. 658 | | 1877 | | |
| John A. Bingham | 653 | Oct. 26 | Claim of A.C. Dunn vs. Japanese Petroleum Co. Lower court refuses to execute judgment rendered by Supreme Court in favor of Dunn & duly certified down to the Lower court for execution. Legn. considers this a denial of justice and asks authority to insist upon observance by Japan of treaty provision guaranteeing to Americans recovery of their just claims. Letter from claimant of Dunn. Refers to his #572. | 12/1 D |
| | 654 | " 26 | Presents to the Emperor, proposed to be made by J.L. Graves of Boston with a view to obtaining some commercial privilege Mr. Graves applies to Legn. for information as to course he should pursue but Legn. declines furnishing information. Correspondence encld. | 12/1 D |
| | 655 | " 26 | Trade of Japan for 6 mos. ending June 30, 1877. Return encld. As bet. Japan & Gt. Britain balance is largely in favor of Gt. Britain & as bet. Japan & U.S. balance is in favor of Japan. | 12/1 D |
| | 656 | " 27 | Commercial treaty. Revision of. Report of British Lee. of Legn. on Finances of Japan encld. It argues against revision of the treaties. Calls attention to misstatement in the report as to average rate of duties collected by Japan. | 12/1 |
| | 657 | " 27 | Record (Congressional) for ensuing year requested. | 12/1 |
| | 658 | " 27 | Trade return for month of July last enclosed. | 12/1 D |
| | 659 | " 29 | Trade bet. U.S. & Japan. Thinks a large trade in porcelain could be established. Treatise by Ninagawa Noritane on Japanese porcelain enclosed. | 12/1 |
| | 660 | " 29 | Commercial treaty. Revision of. Newspaper article urging Japan to adopt principles of free trade in view of free trade movement in the U.S. encld. Unjustness of the article. Its object is to defeat efforts for revision of the treaties | 12/1 D |
| | 661 | " 30 | Osaka & Hiogo. Exequatur for J. Stahel as Cons. at, recd. from For. Office & forwd. | 12/1 D |
| | 662 | Nov. 1 | Exhibition (National) of Japan. Lithographic view of buildings & grounds transmitted. | 12/1 |
| | 663 | " 1 | Trade return for year ending June 30 enclosed with comments. Balance of trade, for the year, in favor of Japan. | 12/1 D |
| | 664 | " 1 | Trade returns for month of August last enclosed with comments. | 12/1 D |
| | 665 | " 1 | Rebellion in Satsuma. Cost of suppressing it was over ¥44.000.000. It lasted about 9 months. | 12/1 D |
| D.W. Stevens, Sec. | — | " 1 | Account. | 12/1 D |
| David Thompson, Interpreter. | — | " 1 | Account. | 12/1 D |
| John A. Bingham | 666 | " 13 | #313 received. | 12/13 D |
| | 667 | " 13 | Insurrection in Satsuma. Results of trial of rebel prisoners stated. Moderation & humanity of the Emperor. | 12/12 D |
| | 668 | " 14 | #314 & #315 received. | 12/13 D |
| | 669 | " 14 | Receipt of his #599-607. Refers to his #652 & states he has been advised of, by Dept.'s #313. | 12/12 D |
| | 670 | " 14 | Mint of Japan. Third Annual report of Commr. of, enclosed with comments. | 12/13 D |
| | 671 | " 15 | Leave of absence, for Interpreter of Legn., requested. | 12/13 D |
| | 672 | " 15 | Destitute Americans abroad. Urges desirability of an appropriation by Congress for relief of. Cholera has disappeared from Japan. Partial statement of its ravages. Thinks it can be arrested by prompt & liberal use of disinfectants and by cleanliness. Newspaper article enclosed. | 12/13 D |
| | 673 | " 28 | #316 & #317 received. | 1/10 D |
| | 674 | " 28 | Stationery received. | 1/10 D |

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| John A. Bingham | 675 | Nov. 28 | Flags requested. | 1/10 d |
| | 676 | " 29 | Claim of heirs of Dr. Wm. H. Hozier vs. Japan growing out of contract. Refers to previous correspondence & encs. note to For. Office urgently renewing request for settlement. Exceeding justice of the claim. | 1/10 d |
| | 677 | " 29 | Legation building & grounds. Refers to his 602 & urges appropriation by Congress for purchase of. If appropriation be made he desires to be advised by telegraph. | 1/10 d |
| | 678 | " 29 | Commercial treaty with Japan. Proposed revision of. Newspaper article stating that Japan seeks revision of the exterritorial clause as well as the tariff enclosed. Refutes this statement, & condemns tone & spirit of the article which is adverse to revision | 1/10 d |
| | 679 | Dec. 1 | Reception of Rear Admiral Patterson & suite by the Emperor on 30th ult. Addresses exchanged on the occasion. | 1/10 d |
| | 680 | " 1 | Customs returns of Japan for Sept. 1877 enclosed. | 1/10 d |
| | 681 | " 1 | Commercial treaty with Japan. Proposed revision of. Russian Min. favors revision and independent action by each Govt. Legn. of opinion that Russia will take prompt action. Recommends that U.S. be the first to treat on subject with Japan. | 1/10 d |
| | 682 | " 1 | Exhibition (National) of Japan. Newspaper account of closing ceremonies at, enclo. The Exhibition was highly successful. | 1/10 d |
| | 683 | " 5 | Meteorological reports transmitted. | 1/10 d |
| | 684 | " 5 | Absence of Sec. of Legn. on leave from 10th to 22nd of Nov. announced. | 1/10 d |
| | 685 | " 14 | Corea. Rumor published in N.Y. Herald that England demands a share in the advantages of the treaty bet. Japan & Corea. Min. for For. Affs. denies truth of the rumor and assents to view expressed by U.S. Min. that any commercial privileges accorded to any other Foreign Power should also be accorded to U.S. | 1/19 d |
| | 686 | " 15 | Treaties bet. U.S. & Japan. Newspaper article giving history of, & urging their revision, enclo. The article embraces a letter from Mr. Harris former U.S. Min. to Japan which Mr. Bingham deprecates | 1/19 d |
| | 687 | " 15 | Departure of U.S.S. "Tennessee" for U.S. Good effect of the presence of US war-vessels in Chinese & Japanese waters. | 1/19 d |
| | 688 | " 15 | Commercial treaty with Japan. Proposed revision of. Encs newspaper article replying to the one transmitted with his 678, & showing that the present treaty is unjust & oppressive | 1/19 d |
| | 689 | " 17 | Postal service (domestic) of Japan. Summary of regulations & table of rates transmitted. | 1/19 d |
| | 690 | " 17 | Light house & port dues. Insufficiency of, exacted by Japan & efficiency of Japan's light house system. Newspaper article on subject transmitted. | 1/19 d |
| | 691 | " 17 | Chinese Embassy to Japan. Arrival of. It consists of two Ministers, two secretaries, four interpreters, nine attachés, and a number of servants. One of the secretaries is Dr. D.B. McCartee a U.S. citizen. Newspaper account of the Embassy encls. | 1/19 d |
| | 692 | " 17 | Claim of heirs of Dr. Wm. H. Hozier vs. Japan growing out of contract. Refers to his 676 & encs. a further note to For. Office in behalf of the claim. | 1/19 d |
| | 693 | " 17 | Commercial treaty with Japan. Proposed revision of. Encs. article from Shanghai Courier which though not approving Japan's proposition, counsels fair treatment of Japan. Legn. thinks England will answer Japan's proposition by proposing a convention bet. England & Japan of reciprocal free trade in the full sense of the term. | 1/19 d |
| | 694 | " 18 | Meteorological reports transmitted. | 1/19 d |

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| | | 1878 | | |
| John A. Bingham | 695 | Dec 20 | Rent for consular lots Nos. 14 & 15 at Hakodadi. Payment of, has been asked by Japan. Danish Cons. will pay the rent due on one lot if U.S. will transfer it to him. Requests instructions. | 1/19 d |
| | 696 | " 22 | Claim of heirs of Dr. Wm H. Hozier vs. Japan growing out of contract. Japan offers $5.000 in settlement. Desires instructions as to acceptance of this sum. Favors its acceptance. | 1/19 d |
| | 697 | " 28 | Osaka & Hiogo. Has appt'd E.S. Benson to act as Cons. at, temporarily to fill vacancy caused by departure of Julius Stahel for Shanghai under orders of the Dept. | 1/26 d |
| | 698 | " 28 | 318-324 & circ. of Nov. 12 receives. | 1/26 d |
| | 699 | " 28 | Pharmacy in Japan. Will furnish information rel. to, desired by Curator of Ny. College of Pharmacy. | 1/26 d |
| | 700 | " 29 | Claim of J.H. Fogg & Co. vs. Japan growing out of the sale of the bark "Valetta" Will continue exercise of good offices in behalf of the claim representing that a non settlement will result in diplomatic intervention. Reply to 324. | 1/26 d |
| | 701 | " 29 | Leave of absence for 60 days, for himself, Sec. of Legn. & Interpreter respectively, requested. | 1/26 d |
| | 702 | " 29 | Chinese Ministers to Japan call upon Mr. Bingham & express hope that they may be permitted to ask his advice often on public matters of concern to them. Mr. Bingham states that it will give him pleasure at all times to be of service to them. | 1/26 d |
| | 703 | " 29 | Osaka & Hiogo. Refers to his "697. Mr. Benson will arrive at Osaka before Mr. Stahel departs. | 1/26 d |
| | 704 | " 29 | Legation building & grounds. States that opportunities for purchase of, are better now than they will be a year hence | 1/26 d |
| | 705 | " 31 | Commercial treaty with Japan. Proposed revision of. Newspaper article on subject encls. with comments. It states that Europe will probably accede to Japan's proposition. Advises that U.S. anticipate action of Europe. | 3/8 d |

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| John A. Bingham | 706 | Jany 4 | Trade report of Japan for Oct. last enclosed. Balance of trade agt Japan | 2/15 d |
| | 707 | " 10 | 325-327 receivd. | 2/15 d |
| | 708 | " 10 | Commercial treaty with Japan. Proposed revision of. Transmits a report of commerce for first nine years of Emperor's reign. It shows a balance agt Japan of $75.000.000. This balance would not have been so great had Japan not been fettered by restrictions in Convention of 1866. | 2/15 d |
| | 709 | " 11 | Post. Master Genl.'s report for 1877 enclosed. Creditable showing a general success of the Japanese postal service. Valuable services of Americans connected with the P.O. Dept. of Japan. | 2/15 |
| | 710 | " 11 | Passport returns. | 2/15 d |
| | 711 | " 11 | Accounts. | 2/15 d |
| D.W. Stevens Sec. | — | " 11 | Account. | 2/15 d |
| David Thompson, Interp. | — | " 12 | Account. | 2/15 d |
| John A. Bingham | 712 | " 12 | New Year's reception of Dip. Corps by the Emperor. Interchange of congratulations. | 2/15 d |
| | 713 | " 17 | Trade report of Japan for Nov. 1877 enclosed with comments. Carrying trade of Japan almost exclusively under foreign control One half of the foreign tonnage entered & cleared was American | 2/25 d |
| | 714 | " 17 | Present of a pair of vases & a lacquered cabinet made by Japan to Capt. Grinnell of the "Ocean Pearl" for services rendered the "Jusei Maru". Legn. has received the articles from For. Office & taken steps to deliver them to Capt. Grinnell. | 2/25 d |
| | 715 | " 18 | Wrecks of the American vessels "Hermann" & "Ariel". Japan proposes to have them removed as they obstruct navigation. Legn. replies that the wrecks are not derelict and that owners purpose removing the wrecks and requests the Govt. to aid them in their purpose & to protect their rights. | 2/25 d |
| | 716 | " 18 | Finance report of Japan enclosed. Gives summary thereof. | 2/25 d |
| | 717 | " 18 | Death of King Victor Emanuel II of Italy. Flags of various Legns. placed at half-mast in respect to his memory. | 2/25 d |
| | 718 | " 18 | Accounts. Duplicates of, enclosed. | 2/25 d |
| | 719 | " 26 | Pottery of Japan. Treatise on, by Mr. Ninagawa transmitted for Congressional Library. | 2/25 d |
| David Thompson | — | " 27 | Account for 5th Auditor enclosed. | 2/25 d |
| D.W. Stevens | — | " 28 | Account. Duplicate of, enclosed. | 2/25 d |
| John A. Bingham | 720 | " 31 | Agricultural College at Tokei. Opening of, by the Emperor. Account of the ceremonies. | 3/5 d |
| | 721 | " 31 | Meteorological reports transmitted. | 3/5 d |
| | 722 | " 31 | Educational report of Japan for 1875 transmitted. | 3/5 d |
| | 723 | Feb. 1 | Opium traffic. Document setting forth how it was forced upon China by England encld. Refers to his 227 & expresses opinion that in 1875 England contemplated forcing it upon Japan. | 3/5 d |
| | 724 | " 1 | Telephone introduced in Japan. Successful experiments made under Govt. direction. | 3/5 d |
| | 725 | " 1 | British interests in China & Japan. A new English journal at Yokohama referring to Chinese Embassy to Japan speaks with disfavor of any closer alliance bet China & Japan as likely to prejudice British interests. Mr. Bingham of opinion that China, in sending Embassy abroad, is seeking to secure just commercial relations with For. Powers, & to improve condition of her people by introduction of Western civilization. | 3/5 d |
| | 726 | " 6 | 328-332 receivd. | 3/5 d |
| | 727 | " 6 | Congressional Record & Dept. Register received. | 3/5 d |
| | 728 | " 9 | Commercial treaty with Japan. Reports revision of. Japan [illegible] to propose to France revision of commercial treaty on same [illegible] offered to US. | |

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| John A. Bingham | 729 | Feb. 15 | Educational report of Japan for 1875. Refers to his #32 & transmits additional copies of. | 4/1 d |
| | 730 | " 15 | Commercial treaty with Japan. Proposed revision of. Encs. British newspaper article intimating that England will make war on Japan if the latter shall by treaty revision obtain the power to proceed to impose duties on imports from England higher than the nominal ones which England may dictate. | 4/1 4/15 d |
| | 731 | " 15 | Exterritoriality of Chinese in Japan & Japanese in China has been established by treaty bet. China & Japan. Encs. notice of Min. for For. Affs of Japan that complaints agt. Chinese in Japan must be made to Chinese Consul at Yokohama. | 4/1 d |
| | 732 | " 16 | Trade report for December last enclosed. Balance of trade agt. Japan. United States tonnage largely in excess of other foreign tonnage | 4/1 d |
| | 733 | " 18 | Commercial treaty with Japan. Effort being made by European States to delay any revision favorable to either Japan or the U.S. & finally to control the whole question of revision by the cooperation & agency of a majority of the Dip. Corps. Reports conversation with German Min. | 4/1 4/15 d |
| | 734 | " 18 | Claim of A.C. Dunn vs. the Japanese Petroleum Co. Has pursuant to Dept.'s #331 informed Japan that further unnecessary delay in the enforcement of judgment obtained in her courts by claimant will result in a demand for indemnity. | 4/1 d |
| | 735 | " 19 | Commercial treaty with Japan. Proposed revision of. Encs, with favorable comment, copy of Japan's instruction to her Minister at London. | 4/1 4/15 d |
| | 736 | " 20 | Commercial treaty with Japan. British newspaper article adverse to revision of, enclosed. | 4/1 7/27 d |
| | 737 | " 21 | Harbor regulations for the port of Yokohama, which have been drawn up by Japan enclosed. Desires to be instructed to have them observed by all American vessels. | 4/1 d |
| | 738 | " 26 | Commercial treaty with Japan. It appears from a newspaper article that Germany proposes on her own accord & without consulting U.S. to presently revise her commercial treaty with Japan. | 4/1 4/15 d |
| | 739 | " 27 | Monetary commission of the U.S. Several copies of report of, requested. | 4/1 d |
| | 740 | Mar. 18 | 333-337 received. | 4/19 d |
| | 741 | " 18 | Leave of absence granted him & other members of Legn. Thanks for. | 4/19 d |
| | 742 | " 18 | Commercial treaty with Japan. Proposed revision of. Legn.'s No. 500, published in Foreign Relations, has given For. Office great satisfaction. It has however been read with great dissatisfaction by a British journalist in Japan. | 4/19 d |
| | 743 | " 18 | Commercial treaty with Japan. Proposed Revision of. Mr. Bingham is of opinion that France, Spain, Belgium & Russia will favor a revision. | 4/19 7/22 d |
| | 744 | " 19 | Commercial treaty with Japan. Proposed Revision of. Letter from Chamber of Commerce of Yokohama requesting information on subject, encls. Min. proposes to reply that he is unable to comply with request. | 4/19 d |
| | 745 | " 19 | Newspaper attack on Mr. Bingham in consequence of views expressed in his No. 500, which was published in "For. Rels." Encs. attacking article with comments. | 4/19 7/22 d |
| | 746 | " 20 | Rent account enclosed. Advices draft. | 4/19 d |
| | 747 | " 20 | Legation premises. Encs copy of lease of, recently executed. Has secured lower rental but still adheres to belief that erection of a legation building by the U.S. as heretofore recommended would be very beneficial to the Govt. | 4/19 7/22 d |
| | 748 | " 20 | Trade of Japan for 6 mos. ending Dec. 31, 1875. Report of encls. with comments. | 4/19 d |
| | 749 | " 20 | Customs returns of Japan for Jany. 1875 encls with comments | 4/19 d |
| | 750 | " 21 | Meteorological reports transmitted. | 4/19 d |

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| John A Bingham | 751 | Mar. 21 | Marine notice encls. | 4/19 d |
| | 752 | " 22 | Lighthouses, beacons, etc. (Japanese). Two copies of list of, enclosed. | 4/19 d |
| | 753 | " 22 | Commercial treaty with Japan. Proposed revision of. German Lgn. states there is no truth in newspaper statement referred to in Mr. Bingham's #738. | 4/19 d |
| | 754 | " 22 | Famine in China. Liberal contributions in Japan for relief of sufferers by. Emperor & Empress have contributed $2000. | 4/19 d |
| | 755 | " 22 | Flags received. | 4/19 d |
| | 756 | " 29 | Trade of Japan for 1873,-74,-75 & 76 Comparative statement of, encls. | 5/3 d |
| | 757 | " 29 | Customs returns of Japan for Feb. 1878 transmitted. | 5/3 d |
| X | 758 | " 29 | Commercial treaty with Japan. Proposed revision of. French Min. enquires concerning action of U.S. Mr. Bingham expresses inability to answer. | 5/3 d |
| X | 759 | " 30 | Commercial treaty with Japan. Proposed revision of. Junior ~~Prime~~ Minister expresses thanks to Mr. Bingham for expressions of latter as published in For. Relns. & enquires whether Mr. Bingham thinks that England will consent to the revision if the U.S. does. Mr. Bingham replies affirmatively. | 5/3 d |
| | 760 | " 30 | Newspaper attack on Mr. Bingham. Refers to his #745 & encs. article from Tokio Times criticizing the attacking article. | 5/3 d |
| X | 761 | Apl. 1 | Opium. Importation of, into Japan for medicinal purposes. British Court at Yokohama denies right of Japan to regulate such importation. Mr. Bingham holds that Japan has the right. Decision of the Court encls. | 5/3 d |
| | 762 | " 1 | Commerce of Japan. As an instance of the purpose of the British press in Japan to cripple every attempt of Japan to exercise any control over her foreign commerce, encs. newspaper article rel. to limitation by Japan of time for presentation of claims for overpaid customs duties. | 5/3 d |
| | 763 | " 2 | Newspaper attack on Mr. Bingham on account of his favoring revision of commercial treaty with Japan. Encs attacking article with comments. This attack & the one reported in his #745, have both been made by British newspapers. | 5/3 d |
| | 764 | " 2 | Earthquakes. Paper on, read before the Asiatic Society of Japan by Mr. Hattori enclosed. Frequency of earthquakes in Japan. | 5/3 d |
| | 765 | " 2 | Forest culture. Japanese regulations on subject, enclosed. | 5/3 |
| X | 766 | " 2 | Coinage system of Japan. Newspaper article advocating treaty revision on subject. encld. with adverse comments. | 5/3 d. |
| X | 767 | " 4 | Claim of A. C. Dunn vs. the Japanese Petroleum Co. Court of 1st instance has decided that members of the Co. are individually responsible. Execution of judgment obtained by Dunn has not yet been effected. | 5/3 d |
| | 768 | " 10 | Civil service of Japan. H. M. Miller a U.S. citizen employed in, for 6 yrs. is, on the occasion of his departure for America, received by the Emperor & highly complimented by Min. of Finance for his faithful service. | 5/6 d. |
| X | 769 | " 11 | Opium. Importation of, into Japan for medicinal purposes. Refers to his 761 & states that in a second case the British Court at Yokohama finds an accused party guilty of smuggling smoking opium. Mr. Bingham holds that prohibition in the treaties agt. importation of opium is general, that Court erred in making a distinction bet. medicinal & smoking opium, and that by treaties control of opium importation is left exclusively in the hands of the Japanese Govt. Decision of the Court encls. | 5/6 d |
| X | 770 | " 11 | Opium. The Japan Herald argues that importation of, into Japan for medicinal purposes and under a high duty, for smoking purposes should be allowed. Mr. Bingham indicates that the argument is in the interest of an outlet for the opium product of British India | |

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| | | 1878 | | |
| John A. Bingham | 771 | Apl. 15 | Marine notice. Six copies of, enclosed. | 5/16 D. |
| | 772 | " 15 | Meteorological reports transmitted. | 5/16 D |
| | 773 | " 16 | Pharmacopaia of Japan will be published at end of current year, when a copy will be forwarded for Curator of N.Y. College of Pharmacy. | 5/16 D |
| | 774 | " 16 | Marine notice. Six copies of, enclosed. | 5/16 D |
| | 775 | " 16 | Accounts. | 5/16 D |
| | 776 | " 16 | Passport returns. | 5/16 D |
| D. W. Stevens, Sec. | — | " 16 | Account. | 5/16 D |
| John A. Bingham | 777 | " 17 | Newspaper attack on Mr. Bingham. Further criticism of Mr. Bingham's despatches as published in the Foreign Relations. Article from the Japan Weekly Mail encld. Indicates errors & misstatements in the article. | 5/16 D |
| | 778 | " 18 | Stationery requested. | 5/16 D. |
| | 779 | " 18 | Commercial treaty with Japan. Proposed revision of. Encs. newspaper article charging Mr. Bingham with endeavoring to negotiate a reciprocity treaty with Japan. Falsity of the charge. Considers that its object is to bring about combined action by the European Powers against any revision of the treaties which will be advantageous either to Japan or to the U.S. | 5/16 D |
| D. W. Stevens, Sec. | — | " 29 | Account. Duplicate of, transmitted. | 6/3 D |
| John A. Bingham | 780 | " 29 | #338-#345 received. | 6/3 D |
| | 781 | " 29 | Accounts. Duplicates of, transmitted. | 6/3 D |
| | 782 | " 29 | Kanagawa. Has notified For. Office of resumption of duties as Cons. Genl. at, by Mr. Van Buren. | 6/3 D |
| | 783 | " 29 | Wheaton's International Law. Copy of, requested. | 6/3 D |
| | 784 | " 29 | Italy. Announces apptmt. of Genl. Saigo Tsukumichi as Japanese Minister to. | 6/3 D |
| | 785 | " 30 | Customs returns of Japan for March 1878 transmitted. Gold "yen" of Japan is about equal in intrinsic value to the gold dollar of the U.S. | 6/3 D |
| | 786 | " 30 | Claim of heirs of Wm. H. Hozier vs. Japan growing out of contract. Transmits $5.000.00 received from Japan in settlement of. Correspondence enclosed. James Wm. Hozier of Phila claims to be executor of Wm. H. Hozier deceased. | 6/3 D |
| | 787 | " 30 | Exterritoriality clause in treaty with Japan. Newspaper article falsely insinuating that Mr. Bingham favors revision of, encld. Japan does not ask for such revision. | 6/3 D |
| | 788 | " 30 | Claim of J. M. Batchelder vs. Japan for seizure and detention of the steamer "Peiho". Arbitrators fail to agree and German Minister to Japan is selected as Umpire. He accepts Umpireship subject to approval of his Govt. Papers in case submitted to him. Correspondence encld. | 6/3 D |
| David Thompson, Interp. | — | May 1 | Account. | 6/3 D |
| John A. Bingham | 789 | " 7 | Shanghai. Charges agt. O.B. Bradford & George F. Seward late Vice Cons. Genl. and Cons. Genl. at. Dr. McCartee has been summoned to appear before House Investigating Committee. He is in the service of China & cannot leave but is willing to make deposition. He has telegraphed Sergeant at Arms to this effect and should be reimbursed cost of telegram. Correspondence with him enclosed. He is Foreign Secretary of Chinese Legation in Japan. | 6/13 |
| | 790 | " 8 | Financial. Notification that Japan proposes to raise a yearly domestic loan of ¥12.500.000.00 and newspaper comment on subject encld. | 6/3 D |
| | 791 | " 8 | Commercial treaty with Japan. Revision of. Encs. with comment an article from the Manchester Guardian hostile to the revision. | 6/13 D |
| | 792 | " 9 | Commercial treaty with Japan. Revision of. Encs. article from Japan Herald charging Mr. Bingham with favoring adoption by Japan of a protective tariff. | 6/13 |

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| John A. Bingham | 793 | May 13 | 346-349 × report of Monetary Commission received. | 6/13 |
| | 794 | " 15 | Visitation × search of Amer. vessel "Courier" by British war vessel "Audacious" at Nagasaki. Correspondence on subject sends. Br. Min. fails to answer enquiry of Mr. Bingham as to whether the visitation × search was made with sanction of Her Majesty's Govt. Considers the action of the "Audacious" as unprecedented and a gross violation of treaty. | 6/13 d |
| | 795 | " 15 | Claim of A. C. Dunn vs. the Japanese Petroleum Co. Vexations delays in settlement of. Legn. protests to For. Office and requests speedy execution of the judgment obtained by claimant. Desires to be specially instructed to peremptorily demand from Japanese Govt. payment of the judgment or indemnity. Correspondence sends. | 6/13 d |
| | 796 | " 16 | Assassination of Mr. Okubo Minister of the Interior, on account of the prominent part he took in suppression of the late rebellion, reported. Mr. Bingham has paid a visit of condolence to Mr. Okubo's family. | 6/13 d |
| | 797 | " 16 | Claim of A. C. Dunn vs. the Japanese Petroleum Co. Refers to his 795 × reports a further effort to avoid payment of judgment. | 6/13 d |
| | 798 | June 3 | "350 receive | 7/6 d |
| | 799 | " 3 | Italy. Genl. Saigo will not go to Italy as the representative of Japan. but is to be appt. Minister of Education. | 7/6 d |
| | 800 | " 3 | Monetary Commission of U.S. Report of forwarded with 349 has presented to Japanese Govt | 7/6 d |
| | 801 | " 4 | Claim of A. C. Dunn vs the Japanese Petroleum Co. Refers to his 795 797 and encl. his protest against the appeal to the court to reverse its opinion. Request authority to demand from Japan full indemnity | 7/6. 15 d |
| | 802 | " 4 | Commercial treaty with Japan. Revision of. Refers to his 791 792 × states that British Minister procured from Japanese Minister of Foreign Affairs a projet of proposed tariff of duties on × exports × imports. Policy of England is to dictate to Japan the regulation of her foreign × domestic commerce and the rates of import × export. States that the projet of tariff is being used in Europe to defeat any revision of the treaty that would restore to Japan the right to prescribe her own tariff | 7/6 d |
| | 803 | " 5 | Meteorological observations transmitted | 7/6 d |
| | 804 | " 5 | Customs Reports for April transmitted | 7/6 d |
| | 805 | " 5 | Domestic loan. Refers to his 790 and encloses the regulations in regard to the issue of the bonds. Foreigners are not to negotiate for them. | 7/6 d |
| | 806 | " 6 | Shimonoseki Indemnity. Editorial comment of the Japan Daily Herald upon the proposed return by the U.S. of the money received from Japan. U.S. absurd for giving to Japan money which rightfully belongs to England | 7/6 d |
| | 807 | " 6 | Assassination of Mr Okubo, Minister of the Interior. Honors conferred upon him by the Emperor after death. Account of the funeral × of his life | 7/6 d |
| | 808 | " 6 | Silver trade dollar of Japan made a legal tender for all purposes. Enc. proclamation | 7/6 d |
| | 809 | " 15 | "351 × Blue Book for 1877 received | 7/17 d |
| | 810 | " 15 | Castles of Japan. Pictorial × illustrative memorial of the arts × industries of Japan. Part I treating of the castles of Japan, and especially the castle of Yedo encloses | 7/17 d |
| | 811 | " 15 | Art productions of Japan which formed part of the exhibits in the late Exposition of the Empire. Illustrated volume of the art productions transmitted | 7/17 d |
| | 812 | " 17 | Presents from Japanese Govt. to Capt Grinnell of the "Ocean Pearl" for services rendered × Japanese vessels. Refers to his 714. States that Collr. at San Francisco has imposed duties upon the articles. Hopes that Dept will take steps to exempt them from duty | 7/17 d |

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| John A. Bingham | 813 | June 17 | Visitation & search of Am. vessel "Comrie" by British war vessel "Audacious" at Nagasaki. Refers to his 794 and encloses further correspondence | 7/17. d |
| | 814 | " 25 | Cotton & Woolen goods. Enc. extract from the newspapers commenting on the recommendations of Mr Bingham as to how a trade in those goods with U.S. could be fostered, as reported in his 642 | 9/3 d |
| | 815 | " 25 | Ships papers must be deposited with the Japanese Customs authorities at ports where there is no U.S. Consular Officer. Enc. not | 8/3 d |
| | 816 | " 26 | Commercial treaty with Japan. Japanese Minister to France has arrived in Paris & will discuss the subject of its revision with the Minister of Foreign Affairs. This shows that France will negotiate separately | 8/3 d |
| | 817 | " 26 | Hakodate. Consular lots. Mr Harris reports that lot Nº 15 is needed for Consular purposes & recommends that it be surrendered to the Japanese authorities after paying the rent due | 8/3 d |
| | 818 | " 27 | Claim of A. B. Dunn vs the Japanese Petroleum Co. Enc. further correspondence with the Foreign Office & the contract made by the Company and Mr Dunn. States that a counter suit has been instituted vs Mr Dunn in the U.S. Consular Court. | 8/3 d |
| | 819 | " 28 | Meteorological reports transmitted | 8/3 d |
| | 820 | " 28 | Legation premises. Refers to his 747 and requests an appropriation for the lease for the Court House & Jail for the use of the Legation. Importance of Congress making an appropriation for building Legation. Land offered by Japan for that purpose | 8/3 d |
| | 821 | " 29 | Assassination of Mr Okubo Minister of the Interior. The evening before his taking off Mr Okuba exhibited a letter to his friends warning him against the assassination. Enc. newspaper extract giving particulars | 8/3 d |
| | 822 | " 29 | Claim of A. B. Dunn vs the Japanese Petroleum Co. Refers to his 818 and states that the claim has been paid in full. Enc. receipt given | 8/3 d |
| | 823 | July 9 | 352-354 & books for Revd Mr Greene received. | 9/6 d |
| | 824 | " 9 | Osaka. Has applied for recogn of E. S. Benson as V. Cons. at | 8/6 d |
| | 825 | " 10 | Claim of Mr Goodman vs. Japan growing out of contract. Reports action of Legation and its declension to present claim until claimant has exhausted legal remedies. Calls attention to improper & illegal course of Cons Genl. at Kanagawa. Correspondence encl. | 9/6 d |
| | 826 | " 10 | Wheaton's elements of International Law received. Thanks therefor | 9/6 d |
| | 827 | " 11 | Hawaiian Consul Genl. in Japan. Hawaii expresses willingness to appoint as, any American whom U.S. Min. may recommend, and Mr Bingham recommends H. P. Lillibridge. | 9/6 d |
| | 828 | " 12 | Commercial treaty with Japan. Revision of. British newspapers in Japan publish a tariff of specific duties which it is alleged Japan proposes (has submitted to Germany) with the assent of other Powers to put into operation. The allegation is false and the tariff referred to is a mutilation of a private statement obtained after much importunity by British Min. from Japanese Min. of Finance. The statement was not intended to, and did not, express views of Japan. England uses policy of co-operation in Japan as a device for the injury of both Japan & the U.S. Urges that U.S. accede to request of Japan for revision, and that she be the first of the Powers to do accede. Publications alluded to & correspondence encl. | 9/6 d |
| | 829 | " 12 | Accounts & passport returns. | 9/6 d |
| | 830 | " 12 | Blank forms for accounts requested. | 9/6 d |
| | 831 | " 12 | 355-358 & stationery received. | 9/6 d |
| D. W. Stevens, Esq. | — | " 13 | Account. | 9/6 d |
| John A. Bingham | 832 | " 20 | Formosa. Invasion of, by Japan in 1874. Chinese Min. to U.S. expresses thanks for action of Mr Bingham in prohibiting U.S. citizens from joining Japan's invading forces. | 9/2 d |

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| John A. Bingham | 833 | July 22 | Cable bet. Asia & the U.S. Agt. of the Company authorized by law of Aug. 15, 1876 to lay same calls upon Mr Bingham and is introduced by him unofficially to Min. of the Home Dept. Japan promises consideration of the matter but expresses inability to do anything at present. Desires to know what official action he shall take and suggests that representations should be made to Japan to prevent the giving of an exclusive grant to this or any other Company. | 7/2 d |
| | 834 | " 22 | Laws of the 2nd Session 44th Congress. Copy of, requested. | 9/2 d |
| | 835 | " 22 | Osaka. E.S. Benson recognized as V. Cons. at. His certificate of appt. should be so amended as to include Hiogo within his jurisdiction. | 7/2 d |
| X | 836 | " 23 | Claim of H. Fogg & Co. vs. Japan growing out of sale of the bark "Valetta". Japan denies equity of. Correspondence encls. Instructions requested. Reply to 324. | 9/2 d |
| | 837 | " 23 | Accounts. Duplicates of, transmitted. | 9/2 d |
| | 838 | " 23 | Trade report for May last encls. Bad showing for Japan. | 9/2 d |
| X | 839 | " 24 | Leu Chew Islands. Difficulty bet. China & Japan growing out of assumption by the latter of jurisdiction over. Min. has informed Chinese Min. that he will lend his good offices towards amicable settlement of the difficulty. Memorandum prepared by Chinese Min. enclosed. Refers to Legation's 409 & Dept.'s 164. | 7/2 d |
| D. W. Stevens, Sec. | — | " 27 | Account. Duplicate of, transmitted. | 9/2 d |
| David Thompson Interpr. | — | " 29 | Account. | 7/2 d |
| John A. Bingham | 840 | Aug 10 | 359-361 received. | 9/9 d |
| | 841 | Sep. 2 | 362 received. | 9/27 d |
| | 842 | " 2 | Absences from post, of Min., Sec. of Legn., & Interpreter at different times on leave reported. | 9/27 d |
| X | 843 | " 2 | Assassination attempted upon D.W. Ap Jones and A. Russell American citizens in the service of Japan by members of the class of Japanese who demand expulsion of all foreigners from service of Japan. Report of ——— Sec. of Legn. pursuant to Min.'s instructions visited the wounded men and reports that they may recover. Every attention is being shown them by Japanese officials. | 9/27 d |
| X | 844 | " 2 | Leu Chew Islds. The jurisdiction over, assumed by Japan interferes with treaty rights of the U.S. Encloses petition of Judicial officers of Leu Chew ——— for assistance of U.S. agt. Japan's pretensions. Instructions requested. Refers to his 839. | 9/27 d |
| | 845 | " 10 | Trade of Japan for half year ended June 30 1878. Return of, transmitted with comments. Unfavorable showing for U.S. Advantages derived by Gt. Britain from present Tariff regulations. Will furnish explanation of her unwillingness to revise commercial treaty with Japan. | 10/18 |
| V | 846 | " 10 | Commercial treaty with Japan. Proposed revision of. English newspaper article hostile to revision enclosed with severe comments. Petition taken in the article is that question of revision shd. be discussed by Japan with Foreign Mins. at Tokei and not with Foreign Govts. through Japanese Mins. abroad. | 10/18 |
| X | 847 | " 10 | Rescue of crew and cargo of the "Bofund" [C.B. Buffandeau ?] by Japanese authorities at Keitenp reported. Has expressed thanks for services of the Japanese authorities. Correspondence encls. | 10/18 |
| | 848 | " 10 | Assassination of Mr Okubo, Minister of Justice. Encs. newspaper article setting to mitigate the crime on the ground that its motives were political and statement drawn up by the assassins setting forth their motives. Endorsements | 10/25 |

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| John A. Bingham | 849 | Sept. 10 | Presents tendered by Japan to Capt. Grinnell of the "Ocean Pearl" for services rendered the "Jusii Maru". Requests that steps be taken to secure free entry of, into the U.S. and also to secure legislation for free admission of all such presents. Appropriation should be made for remuneration of services rendered American vessels by foreigners. Refers to his #606 & 847 as setting forth such services on part of Japanese. | 10/15 |
| | 850 | " 11 | Public Houses. Proposed Japanese Regulations governing Keeping of, at Nagasaki enclosed. Mr. Bingham withholds approval on ground that he has no authority to legislate over Americans in Japan or to approve Japanese laws providing for the handing over by U.S. Consular Courts to Japanese authorities of fines collected for violations of Japanese laws. | 10/15 |
| | 851 | " 11 | Hakodadi. Vacancy in Cons. Agency at. Reports steps taken with a view to filling it. Thomas Blakiston a British subject appointed, but appointment revoked owing to difficulties resulting from his nationality. Cons. Genl. has nominated Mr. Blakiston. Advises agt. approval by Dept. of the nomination. | 10/15 |
| | 852 | " 12 | Record book requested. | 10/15 |
| | 853 | " 12 | 363-373 received. | 10/15 |
| | 854 | " 12 | Tour of the Emperor to the north of Japan. Popular demonstrations on his route. Mr. Bingham notes with satisfaction payment by Emperor of visits to schools. Newspaper article enclosed. | |
| | 855 | " 12 | Revolt of the artillery of the Imperial Guard on 23d inst. Its suppression. Comments. Newspaper article enclosed. | 10/15 |
| | 856 | " 12 | Death of the Emperor's infant son and adoption by the Emperor of the son of Arisugawa, the Marshal of the Empire, reported. | 10/15 |
| | 857 | " 12 | Assassins of Mr. Okubo, Minister of the Interior. Six of them were decapitated on 27th July. Others have been sent to prison for various terms. | 10/15 |
| | 858 | " 13 | Assassination of Mr. Okubo, Minister of the Interior. Emperor has presented family of the murdered minister with 30000. yen | 10/15 |
| | 859 | " 13 | Assassination attempted upon D.W. Ap Jones and A Russell, American citizens in the service of Japan. All parties to the murderous attempt have been arrested. Swift punishment will no doubt be inflicted. Messrs Ap Jones and Russell are recovering. | 10/15 |
| | 860 | " 14 | Illustrated volume of Art productions of Japan. Thanks conveyed to donor of, pursuant to Dept's #365. | 10/15 |
| | 861 | " 14 | Consular lot at Hakodadi. Asks whether he shall, in view of resignation of Cons. Agt., surrender the lot and pay arrears of rent and make such payment out of contingent fund. | 10/15 |
| | 862 | " 16 | Claim of A.C. Dunn vs. Japan on account of delay and denial of justice attending satisfaction of his claim agt. the Japanese Petroleum Co. Claimant's memorial inclosed. Communication. Instructions requested. | 10/15 |
| | 863 | " 16 | Financial. Report of the Minister of Finance enclosed with comments. Oppressive taxation in Japan is the result of grievous restrictions imposed by her treaties with Western Nations. Purpose of some European Govts. to perpetuate such restrictions. Commends action of U.S. in displaying readiness to remove these restrictions. | 10/15 |
| | 864 | " 17 | Commercial treaty with Japan. Revision of. Thinks that England will prevent new treaty recently concluded bet Japan & U.S. from going into effect. That Govt is aware of the conclusion of said treaty and is endeavoring to ascertain its provisions. Mr. Bingham suggests that the treaty be so modified that it may go into effect independently of action of other Powers. Revision of treaty bet Japan & Russia will be completed about 1st January next. | 10/15 |
| | 865 | " 17 | Kanagawa. H.W. Denison has tendered his resignation as V. Cons. Genl. and Interpreter. By his resignation the Govt loses services of a most efficient officer | 10/15 |

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| John A. Bingham | 866 | Sep. 19 | Kakodadi. Encs. note from For. Office declining to recognize Thomas Blakiston as Cons. Agt. at. Refers to his 851. | 10/18 |
| | 867 | " 19 | Murder of the mate (named Gaston) of the "Justine H. Ingersoll" by Thomas Lumip, a seaman, on the high seas. Has instructed Cons. Genl. at Kanagawa to send him to U.S. for trial together with witnesses. Sets forth improper action of Cons Genl. in this case. | 10/18 |
| | 868 | " 19 | Formosa. Japan's Expedition against, in 1874. Understands that suit brought by Japan agt Pacific Mail S.S. Co. for failure of its str. "New York" the intervention of U.S. Minister, to transport soldiers & munitions of war from Japan to Formosa has been dismissed. Hopes this is so. Condemns the suit and Genl. Le Gendre. | 10/18 |
| | Tel | " 29 | Leave of absence to visit U.S. on acct of his daughter's death requested. | |
| | 869 | Oct. 4 | Leave of absence to be availed of on 25th inst. | 11/7 |
| | 870 | " 5 | Accounts | 11/7 |
| | 871 | " 5 | Commerce of Japan. Return of, for year ended June 30, 1875 transmitted & summarized. | 11/7 |
| — | | " 7 | Books referred to in Dept's letter of 25th May last. Delivery of, to Rev. D.C. Greene reported. | 11/7 |
| | 872 | " 7 | Services rendered crew of wrecked Amer ship "Lookout" by Japanese authorities. Thanks of U.S. therefor expressed to Japanese Govt. | 11/7 |
| | 873 | " 7 | Hiogo. Complains of action of Acting Consul at, in not proceeding agt a violator of Japanese Railway Regulations when instructed to do so by Min. Correspondence enclosed. Thinks consuls should be required to obey Min.'s instructions in such cases. | 11/7d |
| David Thompson Interpr. | — | " 2 | Account | 11/7 |
| John A Bingham | 874 | " 8 | 375-377 and 19th Vol. Statutes at Large received | 11/7 |
| | 875 | " 9 | Jurisdiction of U.S. Consular Officers over offences committed by U.S. citizens in Japan. Case of Thomas Glass. Cons. Genl. at Kanagawa in violation of instructions of treaty & of law refused to exercise jurisdiction over Glass and turned him over to Japanese authorities by whom he was imprisoned. Mr. Bingham protests to For. Office agt assumption of jurisdiction by Japanese authorities and demands immediate release of Glass. For. Office replies that Glass has been released and disclaims Japanese jurisdiction over him and states that it was only assumed at the instance of U.S. Consul General. The Consul Genl. has contrary to instructions discussed the matter in the newspapers. Correspondence with For. Office & Cons. Genl. enclosed. | 11/7 |
| | 876 | " 16 | Jail at Yokohama. Japan assents to make repairs needed on, at present. Correspondence enclosed. | 11/21 |
| | 877 | " 16 | Leave of absence to be availed of on 28th inst. Sec. of Legn. will act as Chargé d'Affs. during Min.'s absence. | 11/21 |
| | 878 | " 16 | Accounts. Duplicates of, transmitted. | 11/21 |
| | 879 | " 17 | Whereabouts of Charles H. Cook. Has been unable to obtain information rel. to. | 11/21 |
| | 880 | " 17 | Oil lands of Japan. Report of Second Year's survey of, by B.S. Lyman, a U.S. citizen in the service of Japan, transmitted. | 11/21 |
| | 881 | " 17 | Customs returns of Japan for July 1875 enclosed with comments. | 11/21 |
| D. W. Stevens, Sec. | — | " 18 | Account enclosed | 11/21d |
| John A. Bingham | 882 | " 18 | Jurisdiction of U.S. Consular Officers over offences committed by U.S. citizens in Japan. Case of Thomas Glass. Refers to his 875 and encs. further correspondence with Cons. Genl. at Kanagawa. Course which should be pursued in cases analogous to that of Glass. | 11/21 |
| | 883 | " 18 | Stationery requested. | 11/21 |
| | 884 | " 18 | Absence of Sec. of Legn. from post on leave for 18 days reported. | 11/21 |
| | 885 | " 21 | Quarantine Regulations of Japan. Cons. Officers at Kanagawa refuses to permit enforcement of. Mr. Bingham informs U.S. Cons. Genl. that action of Cons. Officers is in derogation of undoubted right of Japan. | 11/26 |

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| John A. Bingham | 886 | Oct. 21 | China & Japan. Difficulty between, respecting Lew Chews. Chinese Mins. to Japan request good offices of U.S. Min. for settlement of the difficulty. Instructions requested. | 11/21 |
| | 887 | " 21 | 378 received. | 11/21 d |
| D.W. Stevens, Chargé. | 1 | Nov. 5 | Whereabouts of Chas. H. Cook. Cons. Officers at Nagasaki and Hakodadi report having no information rel. to. | 12/6 d |
| | 2 | " 6 | Customs report of Japan for August 1878 transmitted & summarized. | 12/6 d |
| | 3 | " 6 | Meteorological reports transmitted. | 12/6 d |
| | 4 | " 9 | Quarantine Regulations recently issued by Japan. Mr Bingham approves them and Mr Stevens has sent them to Cons. Genl. at Kanagawa for the purpose of having them observed by Americans. Copy of the regulations inclosed. | 12/6 d |
| | 5 | " 9 | Opium. Japanese regulations governing sale of, enclosed. Foreign Press in Japan regards the regulations as contravening extra territorial rights of foreigners. British & French Mins. take same view. | 12/6 d |
| | 6 | " 11 | Claim of J.M. Batchelder vs. Japan for seizure and detention of his steamer the "Peiho". Proposed arbitration of. Refers to Legn.'s 758 and incs. note from German Min. stating that his govt. declines to permit him to act as Umpire. | 12/6 d |
| | 7 | " 16 | 379 and circ. rel. to Tourists effects, received. | 12/19 d |
| | 8 | " 16 | Customs report of Japan for Sept. 1878 transmitted & summarized. | 12/19 d |
| | 9 | " 16 | Meteorological reports transmitted. | 12/19 d |
| | 10 | " 21 | Political. Completion of Emperor's tour through the Empire. Felicitations of Dip Corps tendered him on his return to Tokei. Object of the tour was the increase of Emperor's popularity. Present Ministry endeavoring to better the condition of the common people. Difficulty attending Japan's advancement in modern civilization | 12/19 d |
| | 11 | " 23 | Corea & Japan. Difficulty between, on account of restrictions imposed by former on trade bet. the two countries in violation of treaty. Japanese envoy has gone to Corea to demand withdrawal of restrictions under pain of war. Kind treatment of crew of a wrecked British vessel by Coreans. | 12/19 d |
| John A. Bingham | | " 23 | Arrival in Pittsburgh announced. Will visit Washington in a few weeks. Address of Mr Bingham is Pittsburgh. | 1/25 d |
| D.W. Stevens, Chargé | 12 | Dec. 2 | Osaka & Hiogo. Second commission for E.S. Benson as V. Cons. at, which accompanies Dept.'s 378 has been forwarded to him. Previous comm. returned. | 1/10 d |
| | 13 | " 7 | Corea & Japan. Difficulty between. Refers to Legn.'s 11 and states that feeling in Japan is a great deal less warlike. Unfounded apprehension on part of Japan that British mission to Corea to express thanks for kind treatment of crew of a wrecked British vessel has an additional object. Efforts of British journals to create antipathy on part of Japan agt Russia. Newspaper article respecting the difficulty with Corea inclosed. | 1/10 d |
| | 14 | " 10 | Customs report of Japan for Oct. 1878 transmitted with comments. | 1/10 d |
| | 15 | " 14 | 380-391 and a record book received. | 2/6 d |
| | 16 | " 19 | Mint of Japan. Report of Commr of, for year ended June 30, 1878. enclosed with comments commendatory of Japan's coinage measures. | 2/6 |
| | 17 | " 23 | Educational progress in Japan. It is due in a great measure to efforts of Dr. David Murray a U.S. citizen who has acted as Adviser to the Japanese Educational Dept. for the past five years. His engagement has terminated and he is about to return to the U.S. He has been decorated with the Order of Merit of the 3rd Class and has been presented with 1500 yen. Gratification of his countrymen at these marks of distinction. | 2/6 |
| | 18 | " 24 | Meteorological reports transmitted. | 2/6 d |
| | 19 | " 26 | Passport returns for quarter ending Dec. 31, 1878. | 2/6 d |
| | 20 | " 27 | 392-397 & circ of Nov. 22 received. | 2/6 d |
| | 21 | " 27 | Dispatch bags. Five forwarded, in obedience to instruction 390. | 2/6 d |
| | 22 | " 27 | Services rendered crew of the "E.B. Buffendeau" by the "Iowa Maru". Legn. offers to pay expenses attending these services. For. Office declines to receive such [illegible] | [illegible] |

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| | | 1878 | | |
| John A. Bingham | — | Dec. 27 | Leaves Pittsburgh for Washington on 3rd prox. | 1/2 d |
| D. W. Stevens, Chargé | 23 | Jany 4 1879 | Accounts. | 3/6 d |
| | 24 | " 4 | Passport returns for year ended Dec. 31, 1878. Passport blanks requested. | 2/6 d |
| | 25 | " 6 | Jail at Yokohama. Cons. Genl. at Kanagawa has been advised that he need not expend the $500 allowed for repair of, and has replied that he will not expend said sum. Reply to 395. | 2/6 |
| | 26 | " 7 | Kanagawa. George E. Rice recognized as V. Cons. Genl. at. | 2/6 |
| | 27 | " 7 | New Year's reception of the Emperor. The Empress and consort of the Imperial Princes were present on the occasion. | 2/6 |
| | 28 | " 9 | Murder of a Russian naval seaman by James Webb a seaman of the U.S. naval vessel "Ranger" at Nagasaki. Trial results in conviction of Webb of murder in the first degree. Russian authorities request that death penalty be commuted to imprisonment. Mr. Stevens in deference to this request postpones issuance of warrant for Webb's execution until receipt of instructions. Correspondence and report of Webb's trial enclosed. | 2/6 |
| David Thompson, Interpr. | — | " 10 | Account. | 2/6 d |
| D. W. Stevens, Chargé | 29 | " 14 | 398-402 received. | 3/24 d |
| | 30 | " 14 | Accounts (Duplicates). | 3/24 d |
| | 31 | " 14 | Customs Report of Japan for Nov. 1878 transmitted. | 3/24 |
| | 32 | " 15 | Pilotage Regulations of Japan. Copy of, transmitted. Has instructed Consuls to cause observance of them by Americans. Commends the regulations. | 3/24 |
| | 33 | " 17 | Educational Report of Japan for 1876. Two copies of, transmitted. | 3/24 |
| | 34 | " 17 | Postmaster-Genl.'s (Japanese) Report for 1878. Three copies of, transmd. | 3/24 |
| | 35 | " 24 | Corea & Japan. Difficulty between settled, Corea having withdrawn from her objectionable position. The object of the British mission to Corea was to obtain access to the capital of that country upon an invitation extended to a British official who did not avail himself of it. This object however was not accomplished. | 3/24 |
| | 36 | " 24 | Claim of J. M. Batchelder vs. Japan for seizure and detention of his steamer the "Peiho". Inability of arbitrators to agree upon an Umpire. Dilatory proceedings of Japanese arbitrator. Selection of an Umpire referred to both Govts. Note to For. Office setting forth the situation and expressing regret at delay which has occurred enclosed. Instructions requested. Letter from Mr. Dmison American arbitrator enclosed. Recommends payment of expenses incurred by Mr. Dmison. | 3/24 |
| | 37 | " 27 | 403 and stationery received. | 3/24 d |
| | 38 | " 30 | Condolence of Prndt upon death of the Emperor's son and his felicitation upon Emperor's adoption of the son of Arisugawa. Reports conveyance of expression of, to For. Office. | 3/13 |
| | 39 | Feb. 1 | Meteorological reports transmitted. | 3/13 d |
| | 40 | " 1 | Customs report of Japan for Dec. last summarized & transmitted. | 3/13 |
| | 41 | " 1 | Trade of Japan from 1868 to 1876. Report of, summarized & transmitted. | 3/13 |
| David Thompson, Interpr. | — | " 11 | Account. (Duplicate). | 3/13 d |
| D. W. Stevens, Chargé | 42 | " 13 | Murder. Has notified Consul at Nagasaki that James Webb convicted of, has been reprieved by the Privy for 90 days from 13th inst. | 3/13 |
| | 43 | " 19 | 404-407 separates of 5th & 13th ult., and a box of stationery received. | 3/29 |
| | 44 | " 19 | Mint reports of the U.S. Communicates request of Japan for. | 3/29 |
| | 45 | " 19 | Archives of Legn. Condition of, and mode of caring for same. | 3/29 |
| | 46 | " 19 | Consular lot at Kanagawa, No. 15. Reports surrender of, to Japan and payment of rent therefor. Account covering the payment enclosed. Advice of draft. Japan desires that rent due on lot No. 4 be paid. Mr. Stevens recommends such payment and surrender of said lot. Correspondence enclosed. | 3/29 |
| | 47 | " 20 | Exterritorial rights. D. W. Learned, a U.S. citizen, asks Legn. whether he can surrender same in order to acquire a residence in the interior of Japan. Legn. tells him he cannot | 4/9 |

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| D.W. Stevens, Chargé | 48 | Mar. 3 | Commercial treaties of Japan. England invites Japan to join other Powers in a conference on subject of revision of, at London. Japan accepts on condition that her original proposition as to revision be taken as a basis for the conference. British Min. at Yokei has endeavored by a play on words to deprive Japan of the benefits of revision. Italy & Japan are negotiating a treaty to go into effect immediately after ratifications are exchanged and independently of the action of other Powers. Japan offers to permit foreigners to reside in the interior of Japan provided their exterritorial rights be surrendered. | 3/29 |
| | 49 | " 11 | 408-411, Second Edition of the Revised Statutes, Foreign Relations & Stationery recd. | 4/19 |
| John A. Bingham | — | " 11 | Kanagawa. Charges of general ill treatment by Min. preferred by Cons. Genl at. Refutation of. Expects to be in Washington on 25th inst. | 3/17 |
| D.W. Stevens, Chargé | 50 | " 12 | Trade report for January, 1879 transmitted. | 4/19 |
| | 51 | " 12 | Meteorological Reports transmitted. | 4/19 |
| | 52 | " 15 | Account for rent of Court House & Jail. Advice of draft. | 4/19 |
| | 53 | " 17 | Finance. Report of Japanese Min. of, for 1875-76 transmitted. | 4/19 |
| | 54 | " 17 | Trade report for half year ended Dec. 31, 1878 transmitted. Favorable showing for Japan. | 4/19 |
| | 55 | " 25 | Audience accorded in 1857 by the Tycoon to U.S. Minister Harris, the first foreign representative ever received by Japan. Translations of Japanese documents giving particulars of & containing accounts of important conversations between Mr. Harris and the Tycoon's advisers respecting a treaty, transmitted. | 5/5 |
| | 56 | " 29 | Shipwrecked crews. Treaty bet. Gt. Britain & Japan providing for reciprocal reimbursement of expenses incurred in the relief of. Text thereof enclosed. | 5/5 |
| John A Bingham | — | " 28 | Claim of J. M. Batchelder vs. Japan for seizure and detention of his steamer the "Riks". History & situation of, given. Desires to be instructed to present it to Japan for amicable settlement. Revision of Japan's commercial treaties. Argues that U.S. has the right to modify the treaty of 25th July last so that it can go into operation independently of action of other Powers: The U.S. should not enter into joint consideration with either England or Germany on subject: does not see with what propriety England or any Power can invite U.S. to jointly consider the fitness of a treaty which the U.S. has already concluded. Understands that Italy and Russia are about to conclude treaties with Japan similar to ours except that they are to go into effect independently of action of other powers | 3/25 |
| D.W. Stevens, Chargé | 57 | Apl. 7 | Lew Chew has been reduced by Japan from a vice-regency to a province and a governor for said province has been appted. This action of Japan precipitated by displeasure given by the Chinese & Lew Chewan Embassies. The new province is named Okinawa. Newspaper article recommending that Japan govern the Lew Chewans with leniency enclosed. | 5/5 |
| | 58 | " 9 | Visit of Genl. Grant to Japan. Great preparations being made by Japan for his reception. He is to be the guest of the nation. | 5/5 |
| | 59 | " 9 | Accounts. | 5/12 |
| | 60 | " 10 | Customs report of Japan for Feb. 1879 transmitted. | 5/12 |
| | 61 | " 19 | Customs report of Japan for Mar. 1879 transmitted. | 6/10 |
| | 62 | " 19 | Meteorological Reports transmitted. | 6/10 |
| David Thompson, Interpr. | Tel. | " 21 | Customs tariffs of different countries requested for Japan. | 6/10d |
| | — | " 21 | Account. | 6/10d |
| D.W. Stevens, Chargé | 63 | May 8 | 412-422 & various documents receipt. | 6/10d |
| | 64 | " 10 | Katodadi. J.H. Dunn recognized as Cons. Agt. at | 6/10d |
| | 65 | " 10 | Letter addressed to Genl. Grant by King of Hawaii has been forwarded to the Genl. Movements of Genl. Grant. | 6/10 |
| | 66 | " 10 | Murderer, James Webb. Has pursuant to instruction 419 directed Consul at Nagasaki to send him to U.S. under safe guard. Telegram referred to in Dispt's 419 has not been received by Legn. | 6/10 |

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| D.W. Stevens, Chargé | 67 | May 12 | Corea. Japanese naval delegation seeking to visit the city of Fusai in, were recently attacked by Coreans. The delegation repulsed the attack and secured permission for Japanese to visit Fusai Newspaper account of the affair enclosed. | 6/10 |
| X | 68 | " 13 | Liu Chiu. Refers to Legn.'s #57 and gives account of the formal reduction of, to a Japanese province. No trouble expected from China or the Liu Chiuans. | 6/10 |
| X | 69 | " 14 | Revision of Japan's commercial treaties. Transmits with comments letter from British Min. to Yokohama Chamber of Commerce inviting its views on subject and report of proceedings of said Chamber. Unless Japan makes some concession with respect to basis of the revision negotiations at Tokei will probably fail. | 6/10 |
| | 70 | " 14 | Text of telegram of 29th ult. to Dept. This telegram was sent at the request of Japanese Finance Dept. | 6/10 |
| | 71 | " 15 | Accounts (Duplicate). | 6/10 |
| | 72 | " 15 | Mail pouches. Japan desires that service of, bet. Legns. and seats of Govt. be continued. Reply to #16. | 6/10 |
| | 73 | " 16 | Compensation as Sec. of Legn. London Bankers decline to honor his drafts for, while he is acting as Chargé. Asks whether he may now present his account for extra compensation as Chargé. | 6/10 |
| John A Bingham | 888 | " 28 | Returned to post on 21st inst. | 6/24 |
| | 889 | " 28 | #423-427 received. | 6/24 |
| | 890 | " 28 | Audience granted him by the Emperor. Account of. | 6/24 |
| Y | 891 | " 28 | Commercial treaty with Japan of 25th July 1878. Note to For. Office transmitting copies of President's proclamation of. | 6/24 |
| Y | 892 | " 28 | Revision of Japan's commercial treaties. Proposed Conference rel. to, will not take definite form for some time. England will contend for free admission of certain goods into Japan & establishment by Japan of specific rates of duty. Japan has will probably not accept revision on terms less satisfactory than those enacted by U.S. Min. will conform to Dept.'s #422. | 6/24 |
| Y | 893 | " 29 | Revision of Japan's commercial treaties. Min. for For. Affs. tells Mr. Bingham that time for conference rel. to, has not yet been fixed & that Japan will require from other Powers terms conceded by the U.S. in treaty of 25th July 1878. Mr. Bingham informs For. Office that he cannot take part in a conference respecting said revision | 6/24 |
| | 894 | " 30 | German Prince Heinrich. Visit of, to Japan. Courtesies extended him. | 6/24 |
| Y | 895 | " 30 | Difficulty bet. him & Cons. Genl. at Kanagawa. No. 427 received. Explanation of his course as to withdrawal of request for recognition of Capt. Blakiston as Cons. Agt. at Hakodadi. | 6/24 |
| David Thompson Interpreter | | May 15 | Account | 7/7. |
| John A. Bingham | 896 | June 3 | Leave of absence requested for Mr Stevens to visit U.S. | 7/7. |
| Y | 897 | " 3 | Claim of Sakawo Seizo vs U.S.S. 'Monocacy' growing out of the destruction of a junk belonging to the former. Cor. correspondence & report of Board of Enquiry. Minister of opinion that the claim has no good foundation as the junk was in fault | 7/7. |
| | 898 | " 7 | Visit of Genl. Grant to Japan. Has informed that Govt. that the Genl. has accepted the invitation to be the guest of Japan on his visit there | 7/7. |
| | 899 | " 7 | #428-429 and document received | 7/7. |
| | 900 | " 9 | Custom reports of Japan for April transmitted | 7/7. |
| | 901 | " 10 | Meteorological Report transmitted | 7/7. |
| | 902 | " 16 | Meteorological Reports transmitted | 7/26 |
| | 903 | " 16 | Export duties: Withdrawal of, from many articles of native manufacture exported | 7/26 |
| Y | 904 | " 16 | Revision of Japan's commercial treaties. Transmits with comments article from Japan Herald, criticising Mr. B's dispatches published in For. Rel. 1878. | 7/26. |
| | 905 | " 16 | Hostility of English press towards Russia noted & commented upon | 7/26. |
| X | 906 | " 16 | Commercial treaty with Japan of July 25th 1878. Article from Japan Herald criticising in a hostile spirit the, enclosed and commented upon | 7/26 |

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| John A. Bingham | 907 | June 16 | Kingdom of Liu Kiu declared to be a Japanese Ken: King deposed and reduced to a Jap. subject and is now under guard of police at Tokei | 7/26. |
| | 908 | " 17 | Decoration of the Mikado by Prince Henry of Germany with order of the Black Eagle | 7/26. |
| | 909 | " 17 | Visit of H.E. J. Pope Hennessy, Gov. of Victoria to Japan. His address to Tokei Chamber of commerce, commenting upon debt of Japan enclosed | 7/26. |
| | 910 | July 4 | 430-433 & circ. of May 29 received. | 9/11 |
| | 911 | " 14 | Coin, bullion, & paper currency in Japan. Has applied to For. Office for information respecting amount of. | 9/11 |
| David Thompson Interp. | — | " 15 | Account. | 9/11 |
| John A. Bingham | — | " 15 | Account (Duplicate) | |
| | 912 | " 15 | Log & Alphabet signal systems (Com. Beaumont's). Has submitted same for Japan's consideration. | 9/11 |
| | 913 | " 15 | Visit of Genl. Grant to Japan. Account of his receptions at Nagasaki & Tokei. Great honor & courtesies extended him. English war vessels did not fire a salute in his honor being instructed not to do so on the ground that the Genl. was only a private gentleman. Mr. Bingham went to Nagasaki to meet the Genl. Summary of speech made by Mr. Bingham. | 9/11 |
| | 914 | " 16 | Accounts enclosed with explanation. | 9/11 |
| | 915 | " 16 | Death of E.S. Benson Vice Consul at Osaka & Hiogo announced. Eulogizes deceased. | 9/11 |
| | 916 | " 16 | Osaka & Hiogo. Mr. Bingham has appt'd James Harris to temporarily discharge duties of Consulate at. | 9/11 |
| | 917 | " 16 | Thanks of Japan for courtesies shown by U.S. Consul at Cherbourg to the officers of the war vessel "Seiki Kuan" | 8/11 |
| | 918 | " 16 | Quarantine regulations recently issued by Japan for the prevention of the introduction of Cholera. Mr. Bingham orders their observance by Americans. British Min. leaves matter of quarantining British vessels to the discretion of British Cons. at Kanagawa. German Cons. releases a German ship from quarantine. British & German course regarded by Mr. Bingham as in violation of Japan's rightful authority. Detention of Consul Stahel in quarantine. Will write a despatch on this subject. The Consul has been released. His detention furnishes no ground for complaint agt. Japan. | 9/11 |
| | 919 | " 23 | 436-437 & cons. circs. 13 & 14 received. The latter sent to Cons. Genl. No 434 not rec'd. | 9/1 |
| | 920 | " 23 | Meteorological reports transmitted. | 9/1 |
| | 921 | " 23 | Accounts (Duplicates). | 9/1 |
| | 922 | " 23 | Customs report for May 1879 transmitted. | 9/1 |
| | 923 | " 23 | Report of E.J. Reed, M.P. on Japan [sent] & The report is favorable to Japan and recommends that she be relieved from her present commercial restrictions | 9/1 |
| | 924 | " 24 | Financial. Japanese Budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 1880, enclosed with comments. | 9/1 |
| | 925 | " 26 | Quarantine Regulations (Revised) of Japan agt. Cholera. Copies of, enclosed. Mr. Bingham has ordered their observance by all Americans. British Min. has ordered their observance to some extent. No other Dip. Reps. have issued any orders on subjects. Wonders how long European Powers will assume to deny to Japan the right of self preservation. | 9/1 |
| | 926 | " 31 | Embassy from Japan to U.S. in 1860. Copy of correspondence bet the Embassy & the Department enclosed. | 9/4 |
| | 927 | Aug. 7 | Meteorological reports transmitted. | 9/4 |
| | 928 | " 7 | Customs report for June 1879 transmitted. | 9/4 |
| | 929 | " 8 | Cholera statistics. | 9/4 |
| | 930 | " 8 | Osaka & Hiogo. James Harris recognized as temporary Cons. at. Copy of his commission bond & oath enclosed. He has entered upon duty. | 9/4 |
| | 931 | " 8 | Deaf & Dumb Asylums. Has applied for infor. requested in circ. of June 20. | 9/4 |
| | 932 | " 8 | 434 received. It was missent by Dept. Refers to his 919. | 9/4 |
| | 933 | " 11 | Quarantine. Detention of Consul Stahel in. Particulars of the case. Correspondence encld. Mr. Bingham informs the Consul that he has no cause for complaint agt. the Japanese Govt. | 9/11 |

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| John A. Bingham. | 934 | Aug 11 | Cholera statistics | 9/4 |
| X | 935. | " 11 | Quarantine regulations of Japan. Violation of, by German ship "Hesperia" by ord^r of the German Min. Correspondence bet. German Min. & For^n Office encls. Latter protests agt action of the German Min. M^r. Bingham does not consider that Japan by the extraterritorial clauses of her treaties has surrendered her right of self protection. | 9/4 |
| | 936 | " 16 | Death & funeral at Yokohama of Lieut. Commander S. L. Wilson USN, late executive officer of the USS. "Ashuelot". | 9/29 |
| | 937 | " 16 | Threat upon the lives of Genl. Grant, M^r. Kennedy, M^r. Ito, & M^r. Okuma on account of expense incurred by the Govt. in the reception of foreign guests. M^r. Bingham receives an anonymous communication containing same. Precautionary measures taken by M^r. Bingham | |
| | 938 | " 18 | Opium. Gt. Britain intends to maintain the treaty prohibition agt the importation of into Japan. Expression of this intention made in answer to representations of the Anti Opium Society respecting case of opium smuggling, referred to in Legn.'s 723 & 761. | 9/29 |
| | 939 | " 18 | Cholera statistics. | 9/29 |
| | 940 | " 18 | Cholera. Account of the first appearance of, in Japan in 1716 & of its subsequent ravages in 1850. | 9/29 |
| X | 941 | " 18 | Quarantine. Right of Japan to enforce same agt foreign vessels British & German Mins. deny that Japan has such right. Correspondence bet. them & For^n Office on the subject encld. | 9/29 |
| | 942 | " 18 | Cholera. D^r. Doenitz publishes an opinion that the Cholera in Japan this year results from the opening of the graves of some of the victims of the epidmic of 1877. | 9/29 |
| | 943 | " 27 | Russian Min. has arrived at Tokei. Nos. 737-741 received. | 9/29 |
| | 944 | " 29 | Cholera statistics. | 9/29 |
| X | 945 | " 29 | Lew Chew Islands. Statement of Japan in support of its claim to right of jurisdiction over, enclosed. Does not regard this statement as convincing. Apprehension that war bet. China & Japan will result from Japan's taking possession of said islands. Both of those powers are arming. | 9/29 |
| | 946 | " 30 | Consular lot No. 14 at Hakodadi. Reports payment of rent of, & surrender of, to Japan. Advises draft. Reply to 742. | 9/29 |
| 9/1 | 947 | Sep. 1 | Marine notice. Six copies of, transmitted. | 9/29 |
| | 948 | " 1 | Meteorological reports transmitted. | 9/29 |
| | 949 | " 1 | Postal rates (International). Four copies of Japan's table of transm^d | 9/29 |
| | 950 | " 1 | Cholera. Essay by D^r. Stuart Eldridge on nature of the present epidemic in Japan. encld. It concludes that it ~~epidmic~~ is Asiatic Cholera & infectious. | 9/29 |
| | 951 | " 1 | Customs return of Japan for June 1879 transmitted | 9/29 |
| X | 952 | " 1 | Claim of George P. Fisher vs. Japan for tuition of Jun-i-chi-ro Kodama. Instructions as to presentation of the claim requested. History of the claim given. | 9/29 |
| | 953 | " 2 | Flags requested. | |
| | 954 | " 2 | Fête in honor of the Emperor given by the people of Tokei on the 24th ult. Account of. Remarkable good behavior on the occasion. Accord bet. the Emperor & his people. On the same day Genl. & M^rs. Grant each planted a tree in the park of Tokei's. | 9/29 |
| | 955 | " 2 | Birth of a son to the Emperor on 31st ult. Congratulations of M^r. Bingham tendered to the Emperor. | 9/29 |
| | 956 | " 2 | Visit of Genl. Grant to Japan. Farewell audience accorded him by the Emperor on 30th ult. Final honors. He leaves for U.S. on 3rd inst. | 9/29 |
| | 957 | " 12 | Customs return of Japan for July 1879 transmitted. | 10/6 |
| | 958 | " 12 | Trade return of Japan for years ended June 30, 1879 transmitted with comment. Increase of commerce bet Japan & U.S. | 10/6 |

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| John A Bingham | 959 | Sep. 13 | Cholera statistics. | 10/6 |
| | 960 | " 13 | Geological survey of the island of Yesso: Maps of, enclosed. They show that Japan has a sufficiency of coal. | 10/6 |
| | 961 | " 15 | Financial. Decree of Japan placing the Japanese silver yen on a par with the Mexican dollar and making it a legal tender for public & private debts, encls. | 10/6 |
| | 962 | " 15 | Telegraph lines of the Japanese Govt. Report of Director Genl. of, transmd. | 10/6 |
| | 963 | " 15 | #42, 443 & Cons. Circ. No. 15 received. | |
| | 964 | " 17 | Claim of J. M. Batchelder vs. Japan for seizure of his steamer the "Reiko." Japan offers $25.000. in settlement of. Mr Bingham recommends that the offer be accepted. | 10/6 |
| | 965 | " 17 | Legation building (permanent) in Japan. Requests that Congress be asked to appropriate $25.000 for erection of. Previous correspondence referred to. | 10/6 |
| | 966 | " 17 | Shell Mounds of Omori. Report on, by Professor Morse encls. Term of the Professor's services in the University of Tokio has expired and he has returned to the U.S. His services have been creditable to himself and entirely satisfactory to Japan. | 10/6 |
| | 967 | " 17 | Trade of Japan ~~for~~ 1878. British statement of, enclosed. Fallacies & errors in said statement pointed out. | 10/6 |
| | 968 | " 18 | Visit of Genl. Grant to Japan. He left by the "Tokio" for the U.S. on the 3rd inst. Parting honors paid him. Every attention possible was shown the Genl. from the day of his arrival in Japan to the day of his departure therefrom. | 10/6 |
| | 969 | " 18 | Formosa. Invasion of, by Japan in 1874. Has just learned with surprise that a compromission was issued in 1874 by Japan to Genl C. W. Le Gendre to bring about a friendly understanding with the Chinese Viceroy of Formosa. Bad faith on part of Japan & Genl. Le Gendre. | 10/6 |
| | 970 | " 18 | Lew Chew Islands question bet. China & Japan. Genl. Grant's & Mr Bingham's good offices requested by China for an amicable adjustment of. Genl. Grant gracefully declines to comply with the request. Mr Bingham refers to Dept's 380 & requests authority to use his good offices officially for the adjustment referred to. | 10/6 |
| | 971 | " 19 | Ministerial changes. Report of. Inouye Kaoru succeeds Mr Terashima as Min. for For. Affs. | 10/6 |
| | 972 | " 19 | Absence of Secretary of Legn. from post with Min.'s consent reported. Secretary was not able to avail himself of leave of absence granted him by Dept. to visit the U.S. | 10/6 |
| | 973 | " 20 | Commercial treaty bet. U.S. & Japan, concluded July 25, 1878. Sir Julian Pauncefort of the British For. Office in an interview with a member of the Japanese Legation in London charges U.S. with insincerity in concluding the convention, and states that Sir Edward Thornton reports that Secretary Evarts laughed at the idea of allowing Japan to change her tariff of import duties at will. Position taken by Sir Julian that U.S. ought to have acted in concert with other powers untenable | 10/6 |
| | 974 | " 20 | Cholera statistics. | 10/6 |
| | 975 | " 20 | Arctic Expedition of Professor Nordenskjold of Sweden. Arrival of the Professor & his party at Yokohama after having gone through the north-east passage in safety reported. | 10/6 |
| | 976 | " 20 | Lew Chew Islands. Inhabitants of, dissatisfied with Japanese rule. An islander who had taken service with the Japanese has ban murdered and his family banished by revolters on one of the islands. | 10/6 |
| | Tel. | 20 | Claim of J. M. Batchelder vs Japan for seizure of his steamer the "Reiko." State the matter has been referred to Congress for action & that action will depend upon the compromise | |
| | 977 | Oct. 1 | Revision of Japan's Commercial Treaties. Effort is to be made to secure same at Foreign Capitals, only a few of the For. Reps. at Tokio being entrusted to conclude a revision. U.S. treaty to be taken by Japan as a basis. Germany | 10/1 |

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| TO WHOM | NO. | DATE. 1879 | SUBJECT. | RECEIPT AND DISPOSITION. |
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| John A. Bingham | 978 | Oct. 6 | Trade of Japan from 1868 to 1878. Table exhibitory of, enclosed. Balance of trade agt. Japan for these 10 years was $67,000,000. | 11/4 |
| | 979 | " 6 | Quarantine Regulations of Japan. Has advised Japan that Dept. has approved his action in regard to. Mr. Bingham's action was the reverse of the course pursued by British & German Mins. | 11/4 |
| | 980 | " 6 | Cholera statistics. The epidemic is decreasing. | 11/4 |
| | 981 | " 6 | Monetary Conference Report. Four copies of, recd. Two presented to Japan. | 11/4 |
| | 982 | " 7 | Lew Chewan question. Discontent of the Lew Chewans under Japanese rule and their refusal to accept charity from Japan. | 11/4 |
| | 983 | " 7 | 444-449 received. | 11/4 |
| | 984 | " 7 | Customs Report of Japan for August 1879 transmitted. | |
| | 985 | " 7 | Claim of J. M. Batchelder vs Japan for seizure of his steamer the "Peiho". Legn.'s telegram of 28th ult. was sent at request and expense of claimant. | 11/4 |
| | 986 | " 9 | Accounts. | 11/4 d |
| | 987 | " 9 | Monetary system of Japan is bi-metallic. Silver yen is being coined at rate of 20000 per day and is rapidly replacing the Mexican dollar. | 11/4 |
| | 988 | " 10 | Torture to extort confession has been abolished in Japan. Decree abolishing it enclosed. | 11/4 |
| D. W. Stevens, Secretary. | — | " 9 | Account. | 11/4 d |
| David Thompson, Interpreter. | — | " 10 | Account. | 11/4 d |
| John A. Bingham | 989 | " 11 | Publication in For. Rels. for 1878 of Mr. Van Buren's despatch rel. to case of Thomas Glass reflects discreditably on Mr. Bingham owing to non publication of Dept.'s instruction disapproving Mr. Van Buren's course. Publication of said instruction requested. | 11/4 |
| | 990 | " 20 | Accounts (Duplicates). | 11/28 |
| | 991 | " 20 | Customs Report of Japan for half year ended June 30, 1879 transmitted | |
| | 992 | " 21 | Revision of Japan's commercial treaties. Report of Yokohama Chamber of Commerce opposing any enlargement of Japan's power over her tariff and recommending greater restriction, encld. Unjust disposition of British Representatives towards Japan. | 11/28 |
| | 993 | " 22 | Revision of Japan's commercial treaties. Japanese newspaper article vindicating Japan's request for revision and favoring resort to arms in its support if necessary, encld. This article reflect the general sentiment of the Japanese. | 11/28 |
| | 994 | " 22 | Corea & Japan. Treaty between, providing for the opening of a new port by the former to the latter and for the establishment of a Japanese settlement in Corea. | 11/28 |
| | 995 | " 22 | Cholera statistics. Condemns action of certain For. Reps. in restricting enforcement by Japan of quarantine regulations. Gratified that U.S. aided such enforcement | 11/28 |
| | 996 | " 22 | Mint of Japan. A branch of, has been established in Tokei. Regulations governing the new establishment enclosed. | 11/28 |
| | 997 | " 22 | Education of children. Japanese law making it compulsory encld. This law is greatly to the credit of Japan. | 11/28 |
| | 998 | " 23 | Osaka & Heiogo. Application of Consul, for allowance of $1000 per annum for salary of marshal approved. | 11/28 |
| | 999 | " 24 | Revision of Japan's commercial treaties. Report of the Tokio Chamber of Commerce vindicating Japan's request for revision, encld. The report contains valuable information as to the various productions of Japan, and holds that if the Powers refuse to accord revision the obligation of Japan to maintain friendly relations with them will be absolved. | 11/28 |
| | 1000 | " 25 | Cholera statistics. | 11/28 |
| | 1001 | " 25 | Corea. Report of Japan's trade with, for year ended 30th June last, encld. | 11/28 |
| | 1002 | " 25 | Meteorological Reports transmitted. | 11/28 |
| | 1003 | " 25 | Geological survey of Japan. Reports of progress of, for 1878 & 1879 by B. S. Lyman a U.S. citizen encld. Mining interests of Japan. | 11/28 |

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| John A. Bingham | 1004 | Oct. 25 | 450-453 received. | 11/28 d |
| | 1005 | " 25 | Osaka & Hiogo. Bond of James Harris temporary Cons. at, enclosed. | 11/28 d |
| | 1006 | " 27 | Stationery & blank accounts requested. | 11/28 |
| | 1007 | " 27 | Newspapers for Legation. Designation of. | 11/28 |
| X | 1008 | " 27 | Arctic Expedition of Professor Nordenskjöld. Reports having entertained the Professor at dinner. Trade can be carried on bet. Centl. Siberia and the Pacific coast of the US. | 11/28 |
| | 1009 | " 29 | Coöperation of Foreign Powers in the East. European States disregard policy of cooperation whenever it suits their interests to do so. States by way of illustrating this that the German Army Gazette is advocating an alliance bet. China & Germany. All the European Powers except Russia & Italy are ready & anxious to exclude US. from trade with Asia. | 11/28 |
| David Thompson, Interp. | — | " 31 | Account (Duplicate). | 11/28 d |
| W. H. Seguine, Secretary. | — | Nov. 6 | Account (Duplicate) | 12/16 d |
| John A. Bingham | 1010 | Nov. 11 | Conscription law of Japan enclosed. | 12/16 |
| | 1011 | " 11 | Telegraphic convention (International) concluded at St. Petersburg in January last and to which Japan is a party enclosed. | 12/16 |
| | 1012 | " 11 | Customs report of Japan for Sept. 1879 enclosed. | 12/16 |
| X | 1013 | " 17 | Liu Chewan question. Conversation bet. Russian Min. & Mr. Bingham. Both agree that friendly relations should be maintained between China & Japan. Russian Min. informed that good offices of US. if exercised at all will be used to this end. Russian Min. regards Germany as the ally of Gt. Britain in her Asiatic as well as European policy. | 12/16 |
| | 1014 | " 17 | Cholera statistics. | 12/16 |
| | 1015 | " 18 | 454-461, Circ. of 16th ult. & 3 flags received. | 12/16 |
| Y | 1016 | " 18 | Liu Chewan question. Article from Pall Mall Gazette rel. to, alleging that an alliance has been made by Russia & Japan as against China. Russian Min. denies the allegation. | 12/16 |
| X | 1017 | " 18 | Postal convention bet. Gt. Britain & Japan enclosed. Suggests that steps be taken to secure for our consular correspondence the privileges accorded by the convention to British consular correspondence and a further privilege. | 12/16 |
| | 1018 | " 19 | Russia. Refers to Legn.'s 1016 & reports a British statement to the effect that Russia & China have formed an alliance agt. Japan. Mr. Bingham discredits the statement. Its reprehensible motives. | 12/16 |
| | 1019 | " 19 | Appointment of Mr. Mori ex Chargé d'Affs. of Japan at Washn as E.E. & Min. Plen. to England. Mr. Mori now spells his name Maury Arikata. | |
| | 1020 | " 19 | Accounts. Contends that he is entitled to the compensation which he has charged for. Reply to 460. | 12/16 |
| | 1021 | " 20 | Cholera. Another copy of Dr. Eldridge's pamphlet on, enclosed. | 12/16 |
| Y | 1022 | " 20 | Claim of J. M. Batchelder vs. Japan for seizure of his steamer the "Reiko". There is no suit pending in Japan for recovery of the whole amount of the claim. Instructions as to acceptance of compromise offered by Japan withd. | 1/6 |
| Y | 1023 | " 21 | Discharge of naval seamen of the US. abroad. Recommends that provision be made for the temporary support and return to the US. of naval seamen discharged abroad. Case of Mahomet Hassam discharged from US.S. "Monocacy" in Japan & left destitute. | 12/16 |
| | 1024 | " 21 | Laws of the 1st Session of the 46th Congress requested. | 12/16 |
| | 1025 | Dec. 4 | Wrecked persons. Japan desires to conclude a convention with US. for relief of. | 1/7 |
| Y | 1026 | " 4 | Claim of Capt. W. R. Brown of the "Wilmington" vs. Japan for inhospitable treatment by authorities at Simoda in 1855. Reports action in behalf of. Claimant ought to produce evidence in support of his claim. | 1/7 |
| Y | 1027 | " 8 | Liu Chewan question. Statement appears in newspapers that US. has offered its mediation to China & Japan. Chinese Min. calls upon Mr. Bingham and make enquiry on subject. Mr. Bingham informs him that he does not believe the statement and reads to him Dispt.'s 465. The statement is regarded by Mr. Bingham as a piece of British intermeddling. | 1/7 |
| | 1028 | " 8 | 462-467 received. | 1/7 |

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| John A. Bingham | 1029 | Dec. 9 | Claim of J. M. Batchelder vs Japan for seizure of his steamer the "Peiho": Dept.'s telegram of 22d ult. received. Claimant is considering whether to accept compromise offered by Japan. | |
| | 1030 | " 10 | Revision of Japan's commercial treaties. Russian Min. favors separate action and conclusion of a treaty similar to the one concluded by the U.S. and is urging his Govt. to take this course. Belgian Min. says that England Germany France Belgium & Switzld are combined agt. accession to Japan's demands and that Japan will modify her demands. Interview with Min. for For. Affs. | |
| | 1031 | " 10 | Quarantine laws of Japan. Letter from E. J. Reed, M.P. to London Times condemning action of German Min. in violating same, enclosed. If British Min.'s ill treatment of Japan were known to Parliament it would soon be stopped. and | |
| | 1032 | " 10 | Trade mark of Messrs Fairbanks & Co. scale manufacturers. Reports that steps have been taken by Japanese Govt. to prevent violation of in Japan. | |
| | 1033 | " 10 | Sanitary Bureau of Japan. First & Second Annual Report of, transmitted | |
| | 1034 | " 11 | Customs Report of Japan for Oct. transmitted. | |
| | 1035 | " 11 | Deaf & Dumb Asylums in Japan. Statistics rel. to. | |
| | 1036 | " 11 | Meteorological reports received from Chief Signal Officer of the Army of the U.S. Distribution of, among Captains in the Japanese Navy reported | |
| | 1037 | " 11 | Lew Chewan question. Interview with Min. for For. Affs. who says that if mediation should become needful mediation of U.S. will be asked. Genl. Grant suggested to China the apptmt of a Commission and China upon this suggestion proposed to Japan apptmt. of such a commission. Japan has declined to accede to the proposition, and does not consider | |
| | 1038 | " 12 | Revision of Japan's commercial treaties. Combined action of Gt. Britain Germany, France, Belgium & Switzld. has compelled Japan to recede from her demands and now revision negotiations will be confined to revision of Japan's tariff. Proposed new tariff of Japan enclosed. It discriminates agt. products of U.S. in favor of products of Gt. Britain | |
| | 1039 | " 29 | Educational. Copy of Japan's Code of Education enclosed. Education of Japanese children is made compulsory by this code. | |
| | 1040 | " 29 | Educational. Report of Japanese Minister of Education for 1877 transmitted. This report speaks well for Japanese govt. & people who esteem education as essential to the general welfare. | |
| | 1041 | " 29 | Customs report of Japan for November transmitted. | |
| 1876 | 1042 | " 29 | Hakodadi. Destruction of consular archives at, by fire in consequence of absence of a safe reported. Cons. Genl. at Kanagawa took away the safe belonging to the consular office at Hakodadi some time ago. Supposes that it will be necessary to supply office at Hakodadi with a safe, stationery, & blank books. | |
| | 1043 | " 30 | Fire in Tokei on 26th inst. Very destructive. Fifty thousand people rendered homeless. Quite a number of lives lost. Narrow escape of Legn. U.S. should purchase Legation premises in Japan which would be secure against the destructive fires which occur so frequently in Tokei | |
| | 1044 | " 30 | Seal & envelopes requested. | |
| | 1045 | Jany. 2 1880 | New Year's reception of the Emperor of Japan. Account of. | |
| | 1046 | " 2 | Circulars of Nov. 22 received. | |
| | 1047 | " 2 | Marine notice. Four copies of, transmitted | |
| | 1048 | " 2 | Transmission to Dept of certain important communications postponed in consequence of the great fire reported on in Legn.'s 1043. | |
| | 1049 | " 2 | Commercial Relations, Labor Report, & Report of Bureau of Statistics received. | |
| | 1050 | " 16 | Mint of Japan. Report of Commnr. of, for 1879 transmitted. | |
| | 1051 | " 16 | Cholera Statistics. | |
| | 1052 | " 17 | Claim of Capt. W. R. Browne of the "Wilmington" in Japan for indemnity for treaties and [illegible] U.S. Note from For. Office stating that production of evidence [illegible] | |

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| John A. Bingham | 1053 | Jany 19 | 465-473 & circular of Nov. 26, received. | 3/19 |
| | 1054 | " 19 | Stationery, blank forms, & session laws received. Thanks | 3/19 |
| | 1055 | " 19 | Venezuela. Instruction addressed to US. Min. to, and sent to Japan by mistake rec'd. | 3/19 |
| | 1056 | " 19 | Indemnities (Japanese & Chinese). Recommendation in Pres't's Message that balances of, over just demands, be returned to Japan & China is very gratifying to Mr Bingham. Copies of Pres't's Message have been sent to Japanese For. Office and Chinese Mins. in Tokei | 3/19 |
| | 1057 | " 20 | Fire in Tokei. Liberal subscriptions made for relief of sufferers. Consul at Osaka & Hiogo has collected $1308 66/100 which has been handed over to Relief Committee. | 3/19 |
| | 1058 | " 20 | Osaka & Hiogo. Bond of James Harris temporary Consul at, has been forwarded to the Dept. Reply to 472. | 3/19 |
| | 1059 | " 21 | Cattle. Japan prohibits importation of, from Shanghai owing to existence of cattle disease there. Mr Bingham notifies Americans to observe the prohibition. European Reps. admit right of Japan to make this prohibition, but a year ago they denied right of Japan to prohibit introduction of a human plague. Lawful for Japan to protect her cattle but not her people, in the opinion of some European Reps. | 3/19 |
| | 1060 | " 22 | Lighthouses, buoys, & beacons on coasts of Japan. List of, transmitted. Coasts of Japan are well lighted This is creditable to Japan. | 3/19 |
| | 1061 | " 22 | Geological survey of Japan. Two additional copies of report of Mr Lyman transmitted. | 3/19 |
| | 1062 | " 24 | Lew Chewan question. China's answer to Japan's pretension recd. Refers to his 465 which covers statement of Japan to which the pamphlet recd is in answer. | 3/19 |
| | 1063 | " 26 | Accounts. | 3/19 |
| D. W. Stevens Sec. | — | " 26 | Account | 3/19 |
| John A. Bingham | 1064 | " 26 | Kanagawa. Complaint made by For. Office on account of refusal of US. Cons. Genl. at, to entertain a charge preferred against a US. Naval seaman of assaulting a Japanese policeman in 1878. Correspondence enclosed. Mr Bingham deprecates course of Cons. Genl. as having been in disregard of instructions given by Legn., violative of all laws and regulations, and a denial of justice. | 3/15 |
| | 1065 | Feb. 2 | Passport returns for year ended Dec. 31, 1879. None issued. | 3/15 |
| | 1066 | " 2 | Accounts (Duplicates). | 3/15 |
| | 1067 | " 5 | Hakodadi. Resignation of Mr Dunn as Consular Agt at, reported | 3/15 |
| | 1068 | " 5 | Protection of US. Reports having instructed Cons. Genl. at Kanagawa not to protect F. Stillfried who merely declared an intention to become a US. citizen but did not become such, & who has sought Austrian protection in Japan. | 3/15 |
| | 1069 | " 6 | Revision of Japan's commercial treaties. Japanese Min. to England publicly expresses opposition to increase of Japan's import duties on ground that it would injure consumers. Mr Bingham surprised at this action of Mr Mori's. | |
| | 1070 | " 6 | Postmaster Genl. of Japan. Three copies of report of, for 1879 transmitted. | 3/15 |
| | 1071 | " 6 | Mint at Tokei. In compliance with 470 transmits additional copies of regulations governing | |
| | 1072 | " 9 | 474-478 received. | 3/15 |
| | 1073 | " 9 | Customs returns of Japan for December transmitted. | 3/15 |
| | 1074 | " 9 | Tariff of Japan. Refers to Legn.'s 1035 and transmits an amended copy of the proposed new tariff. It contains same discriminations agt US, but many of the duties have been made specific instead of ad valorem. Remonstrance made by Mr Bingham agt proposed imposition of excessive duties on American [illegible] | |
| | 1075 | " 9 | Extra-territorial powers of Foreign Officials in Japan. Pamphlet of Eli T. Sheppard, Asst. Adviser in Japanese Foreign Office, discussing question of limitations of, under existing treaties, transmitted. | 3/15 |
| | 1076 | " 10 | Transit compensation for 10 days, disallowed by Dept. Will credit the Govt with the amt of, in his account for current quarter. Reply to 474 | 3/15 |
| D. W. Stevens, Sec. | — | " 12 | Account for quarter ended June 30, last transmitted in duplicate. | 3/15 d |
| | — | " 12 | Account for quarter ended Dec. 31, 1879 (Duplicate). | 3/15 |
| David Thompson, Interp. | — | " 12 | Account | 3/15 |
| John A. Bingham | 1077 | Mar. 1 | Earthquake in Tokei & Yokohama on 22d ult. Account of. | 4/2 |
| | 1078 | " 1 | Political. Change in form of Japanese govt. reported. Legislative separated from executive power. | 4/2 |

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| John A. Bingham | 1079 | Mar 4 | Monument to the memory of M. Scott an American who died while in service of Japan. Govt. of Japan has given 900 yen for erection of. | 4/2 |
| | 1080 | " 4 | Civil service of Japan. H. W. Denison has been appt'd. Assistant Legal Adviser of Japanese Foreign Office upon recommendation of Mr. Bingham. | 4/2 |
| | 1081 | " 4 | Customs returns of Japan for half year ends Dec. 31, 1879 transmitted. | 4/2 |
| | 1082 | " 6 | 480-484 received. | 4/2 |
| | 1083 | " 6 | Wrecked vessels. Expences incurred on account. Has pursuant to Dept.'s 480 proposed to Japan the conclusion of a treaty for reciprocal reimbursement of such expenses. | 4/2 |
| | 1084 | " 6 | Claim of H. Fogg & Co vs. Japan growing out of sale of the bark "Valetta" Will, pursuant to Dept.'s telegram of the 3d inst, give the claim further consideration. | 4/2 |
| | 1085 | " 6 | Hakodadi. Has informed For. Office of resignation of Mr. Symes as Cons. Agt. at, in order that Japanese regulations respecting entrance & clearance of foreign vessels in the absence of consular officers may be applied to Amer. vessels. | 4/2 |
| | 1086 | " 6 | Printed Personal Instructions. None copy of, requested. | 4/2 |
| | 1087 | " 6 | Deserter from American vessel "R. Robinson" surrenders himself to British man-of-war "Hornet" as a deserter from the British Navy which he was previous to his enlistment on board the "R. Robinson". Reports steps taken by Legn. and Consulate General for delivery of the deserter to U.S. Cons. Genl. Commander of the "Hornet" refuses such delivery. Mr. Bingham complains of this course of the Commander of the "Hornet" as unjustifiable. | 4/2 |
| David Thompson | — | " 9 | Account (Duplicate). | 4/2 |
| John A Bingham | 1088 | " 15 | Low Chow. Proclamation of Japanese Govt. respecting presentation & payment of claims against. | 4/26 |
| | 1089 | " 20 | Customs report of Japan for January 1880 transmitted. | 4/26 |
| | 1090 | " 20 | Corea. Visit of Commodore Shufeldt to. The Commodore applies to Legn. for — introductory letters from Japanese officials, stating that he was informed that Legn. had been instructed to procure same for him. Mr. Bingham informs the Commodore that he has received no instruction on the subject but has taken steps to procure the desired letters. Correspondence enclosed. | 4/26 |
| | 1091 | " 24 | Seal received. | 4/26 |
| | 1092 | " 24 | 485 & circular of Feb. 11 received. | |
| | 1093 | " 24 | Court House & Jail at Yedo. Account for rent of, enclosed. Reports renewal of lease of the Court House & Jail. Renews recommendation that appropriation be made by Congress for erection of Legation buildings in Tokei. | 4/26 |
| | 1094 | " 24 | Claim of Wm R. Browne Capt. of the "Wilmington" vs. Japan for inhospitable treatment at Kuroda in 1855. Papers transmitted with Dept.'s 485 will be presented to Japan & payment urged. Regards the claim as sufficiently established. | 4/26 |
| D. W. Stevens, Sec. | — | Apl 9 | Account | 5/11 |
| John A. Bingham | 1095 | " 9 | Passport returns for quarter ends 31st ult. | 5/11d |
| | 1096 | " 9 | Accounts | 5/11 |
| | 1097 | " 9 | Contingent allowance. Increase of requested to enable him to meet increased expense entailed upon him by transmission of mails to Consuls in the East. | |
| | 1098 | " 12 | 486-491 received. Enclosures referred to in 488 not received. | 5/11 |
| | 1099 | " 12 | Tariff of Japan. Reports having orally protested to Japanese Min. for For. Affs. agt discrimination proposed to be made agt products of U.S. Reply to 486. Will protest in writing. | 5/11 |
| | 1100 | " 13 | Customs report of Japan for February 1880 transmitted. | 5/11 |
| | 1101 | " 13 | Political meetings & societies. Imperial decree regulating same enclosed. | 5/11 |
| | 1102 | " 13 | Political. Address of the Emperor to the Assembly of Provincial governors enclosed. It sets forth the progressiveness of his — administration. He seems to intend that his people shall hasten slowly towards constitutional & representative government. | 5/11 |
| | 1103 | " 14 | Financial condition of Japan. Furnishes information rel. to. | 5/11 |

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| John A. Bingham | 1104 | Apl. 14 | Honolulu. Mr. Bingham has recommended J. O. Carter for appointt. by Japan as Commercial Agt at. Reply to 491. | 5/11 |
| | 1105 | " 14 | Killing of James King by James O'Neil alias Rodgers. Consul at Osaka & Hiogo has found O'Neil guilty of manslaughter and pursuant to Consular Court Regulations sentenced him to 20 years imprisonment. Crime being manslaughter is not a capital one, & consequently the case is not appealable to Minister. Penalty for the crime as prescribed by Consular Court Regulations is greater than the penalty prescribed by Revised Statutes. Penalties prescribed in the Con. Court Regulations should be made to conform to those prescribed in the Statutes. Authority to make them as conform requested. Mitigation of O'Neil's sentence. | 5/11 |
| | 1106 | " 16 | Newspaper statement that Mr. Bingham intends to become soon a candidate for Congress denied. | 5/11 |
| | 1107 | May 5 | Marine notices enclosed. | 6/8 |
| | 1108 | " 5 | Accounts (Duplicate). | 6/8 |
| | 1109 | " 6 | Trade report for March transmitted. | 6/8 |
| | 1110 | " 6 | Mining & Mines in Japan. Report on, by Mr. Natto of the Tokio University encld. | 6/8 |
| | 1111 | " 6 | 492-495 received. | 6/8 |
| | 1112 | " 6 | Corea. Mission of Commodore Shufeldt to. Obtainment for the Commodore of charts and an introductory letter to Japanese Cons. at Fusan. Japan declines to give introductory letter to Corean officials. Correspondence encld. | 6/8 |
| | 1113 | " 8 | Murder trial. Sentence of death passed on Wm. Dinkelle by Cons. Court at Hiogo for murder of C. H. Abbott. Record of proceedings enclosed. Case submitted to Dept. with recommendation for mercy upon Dinkelle. | 6/8 |
| | 1114 | " 8 | Tariff of Japan. Revision of. Proposed discrimination in Japanese tariff agt. products of the U.S. Reports having protested pursuant to instruction #86. | 6/8 |
| | 1115 | " 8 | Political. Petition addressed to Emperor of Japan by the "Patriotic Society" praying for establishment of an assembly & a constitution. | |
| | 1116 | " 8 | Shimonoseki Indemnity. Claimant J. M. Batchelder has been negotiating with Japan to have portion of his claim paid out of money which U.S. may refund to Japan. Proposition as to payment of clo "Piho", "Valetta", & "Wilmington" claims out of the indemnity money. Recommends that the indemnity be refunded. Has authorized Mr. Batchelder to continue his negotiations. | 6/8 |
| | 1117 | " 10 | Liu Chewan question. Disposition of Japan to compromise it. False rumor as to proposition by Mr. Bingham. Satisfactory contradiction of it. | |
| David Thompson, Interpr. | — | " 10 | Account (Duplicate). | 6/8 |
| D. N. Stevens, Secy. | — | " 8 | Account (Duplicate). | 6/8 |
| John A. Bingham | 1118 | " 16 | Marine notice transmitted. | 6/14 |
| | 1119 | " 20 | Claim of Nagai Jinsuke vs. U.S. for loss of his vessel the "Fukumiya Maru" in consequence of collision with U.S.S. "Ashuelot". Refers to Navy Dept.'s rejection of the claim & encs. argument rec'd. from For. Office in support of the claim. Navy Dept.'s action based on erroneous collection of facts. | 6/14 |
| | 1120 | " 20 | Commendation by Chinese Min. to Japan of services of Dr. McCartee a U.S. citizen. | |
| | 1121 | " 20 | Departure of Eli T. Sheppard for the U.S. He was appt'd adviser of the For. Office upon Mr. Bingham's recommendation. Faithful & satisfactory discharge of his duties. | 6/14 |
| | 1122 | " 20 | Corea. Report of trade of port of Fusan in, for 6 mos. ended Dec. 31, 1879, transmitted. | 6/14 |
| | 1123 | " 21 | Wreck. Treaty for reciprocal reimbursement of expenses incurred on account of, which Mr. Bingham & Japanese Min. for For. Affs. have concluded, enclosed. | 6/14 |
| | 1124 | " 22 | Murder trial of J. Martin Roes. Convicted & sentenced to death by Cons. Court at Kanagawa. Legn. approves sentence, but suspends execution & submits case to the President. Conflict as to jurisdiction bet. British & U.S. Courts at Kanagawa. Roes is a British subject but his crime was committed on board an American vessel upon which he was serving as a seaman. | 6/14 |
| | 1125 | " 31 | 496-503 received. | 6/30 |

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| John A. Bingham | 1126 | May 31 | Corea. Commodor Shufeldt's mission to. Authorities at Fusan refuse to forward a letter from the Commodore to Emperor of Corea. Mr. Bingham gets Japanese Govt. to forward it. Correspondence enclosed. Commodor waiting at Nagasaki for reply which is to be made through Japanese govt. Newspaper article criticizing this mission of the U.S. to Corea enclosed. | 6/30 |
| X | 1127 | June 1 | Jurisdiction of U.S. Consuls in Japan over crimes committed by foreigners while serving as seamen on board American merchant vessels. Case of Ross, reported in Legation's #1124. British Min. contends that Ross should have been tried by British Consular Court and Mr. Bingham contends that his trial by U.S. Cons. Court was proper. Correspondence enclosed. | 6/30 |
| | 1128 | " 2 | Trade report of Japan for April transmitted. | 6/30 |
| | 1129 | " 15 | Coin standard etc. Has applied for information requested in circular of Apl. 30. Nos. 84 & 85 received. | 7/13 |
| | 1130 | " 15 | Lease of Legation premises. Has advised lessor that Dept. approves lease for one year only. | 7/13 |
| | 1131 | " 15 | Meteorological reports transmitted. | 7/13 |
| | 1132 | " 15 | Corrects error in his 1110. | 7/13 |
| | 1133 | " 16 | Nagasaki. A. C. Jones recognized as Consul at. | 7/13 |
| X | 1134 | " 18 | Exterritoriality. Constitutionality of Consular Courts in Japan. Mr. Bingham argues that said courts are not unconstitutional, and moreover holds that in capital cases there is no appeal from decision of said courts. Refers to case of J. Martin Ross; Legn's 1124 & 1127 | 7/13 |
| | 1135 | " 18 | Lease of Legation premises. Lessor assents to renewed lease being for one year only. Bingham closed | 7/13 |
| | 1136 | " 18 | Fog & Alphabet signal systems (Com. Beaumont's) Another copy of, requested for For. Office. | 7/13 |
| | 1137 | July 8 | Stationery wanted | 8/2 |
| | 1138 | " 8 | Appointment of Samuel R. Frazier a citizen of the U.S. by Japan as an instructor in a public school in Osak | 8/2 |
| | 1139 | " 8 | Marine notice enclosed | 8/2 |
| | 1140 | " 8 | Trade report of Japan for May transmitted | 8/2 |
| D. W. Stevens Sec't John A. Bingham | | " 9 | Account | 8/2 |
| | 1141 | " 9 | Finance. Report of the Minister of Finance giving a general statement of the finances of Japan from 1868 to 1875 transmitted | 8/2 |
| | 1142 | " 9 | 506-509 received | 8/2 |
| X | 1143 | " 9 | Trial of John Martin Ross for the murder of Robt Kelly of the Am. ship Bullion British Consuls claim the right to try the case because Ross is a Br. subject. Minister denies the right | 8/2 |
| | 1144 | " 9 | Treaty of friendship and treaty of Commerce & Navigation with U.S. proposed by Japan. Enc drafts as prepared by that country | 8/2 |
| | 1145 | " 9 | Account | 8/2 |
| X | 1146 | " 17 | Jurisdiction of U.S. Consuls in Japan over crimes committed by foreigners while serving as seamen on board American merchant vessels. Case of Ross. Refers to Legn.'s 1143 & 1127 cites a discussion bet Belgian & British Consuls on a similar subject & condemns position taken by the British representatives as being evasive of treaty obligations. | 8/27 |
| | 1147 | " 20 | Honolulu. Japan has appt'd J. O. Carter its Commercial Agt at. | 8/27 |
| | 1148 | " 20 | Coin standard & amt of coin bullion & papa currency in Japan. Has applied for information rel. to requested in Dept's separate of Apl. 30. | 8/27 |
| | 1149 | " 20 | Osaka. James Harris recognized as V. Consul at. | 8/27 |
| X | 1150 | " 21 | Claim of W. R. Browne Capt. of the "Wilmington" vs. Japan for inhospitable treatment at Kuroda in 1855. Japan rejects the claim & Mr. Bingham presents it again for settlement, grounds for rejection being considered insufficient by him. Correspondence | 8/27 |
| X | 1151 | " 21 | Tariff of Japan. Proposed discrimination in agt products of the U.S., particularly Kerosene. Japan holds that proposed increase of duty is not in the nature of a discrimination but Mr. Bingham holds that it is & renews protest against it. | |

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| John A Bingham | 1152 | July 23 | Revision of Japan's commercial treaties. Refers to Legn.'s 1148 & reports having advised Japan to negotiate with Treaty Powers separately | 9/27 |
| | 1153 | " 23 | Collisions at Sea. Japanese Regulations for prevention of, sent. | 8/27 |
| | 1154 | " 24 | 570-575 & six copies of For. Rel. received. | 8/27 |
| | 1155 | " 24 | Trial of John M. Ross seaman for murder of Robert Kelly 2d officer of Amer. ship "Bullion". Counsel for Ross applies for appeal to Circuit Court of U.S. in California. Mr. Bingham refuses the application. Correspondence enclosed. Unable under statute to grant appeal. | 9/27 |
| | 1156 | " 24 | Accounts (Duplicate). | 8/27 |
| | 1157 | " 24 | Contingent allowance. Refers to his account for contingencies as clearly setting forth his reason for requesting increase of. Reply to 587. | 8/27 |
| | 1158 | " 24 | Newspaper attack on Mr. Bingham. Attacking article transmitted with comments. | 8/27 |
| | 1159 | " 24 | Political. Mr. Bingham highly commends administration of the present Emperor of Japan. | 8/27 |
| | 1160 | " 26 | China. Reports having recently met U.S. Commissioners &. Commendation of those officers. | 8/27 |
| D. W. Stevens | — | Aug 3 | Account (Duplicate). | 8/27 |
| David Thompson | — | " 19 | Account | 9/28 |
| John A. Bingham | 1161 | Sep. 1 | Dispatch pouch. Improper use of, by Min. Explanation. Will avoid recurrence. Reply to 5 11. | 9/28 |
| | 1162 | " 2 | Osaka & Hiogo. Submits request of James Harris U.S.V. Cons. at, for permission of Congress to accept a commission as Consul of Denmark | 9/28 |
| | 1163 | " 3 | 516-521 received. Dept.'s 519 gratifying. | 9/28 |
| | 1164 | " 3 | Trade Report of Japan for year ended June 30, 1880 transmitted. | 9/28 |
| | 1165 | " 3 | Rupture of relations bet. Japan and Dutch Min. The latter published documents submitted to him in confidence — the proposals of Japan respecting treaty revision. His replies to Japan's note breaking off relations by protesting agt it and declaring his intention to regard it as null & void. Conduct of Dutch Min. unjustifiable. Course pursued by Mr. Bingham in the matter as Dean of Dip. Corps. | 9/28 |
| | 1166 | " 13 | 522-526 & stationery received. | 10/2 |
| | 1167 | " 13 | Package at Legn. for Consul at Manila. Instructions as to disposition to make of it, | 10/2 |
| | 1168 | " 13 | Lease of Court House & Jail (Legation premises) at Yedo. Will renew same pursuant to Dept.'s 521. | 10/2 |
| | 1169 | " 13 | Sanitary Conference to be held at Wash'n. Has extended invitation to Japan to participate. | 10/2 |
| | 1170 | " 14 | Corea. Mission of Commodore Shufeldt to. Thanks of U.S. conveyed to Japan for assistance rendered the Commodore. Reply to 523. | 10/2 |
| | 1171 | " 14 | Corea. Commodore Shufeldt's letter to King of, has been returned, unopened, by Minister of ceremony. Mr. Bingham urges Japan to insist upon the letter's reaching the King, characterizing its return as an insult to Japan & U.S. Correspondence enclosed. | 10/2 |
| | 1172 | " 15 | Longitudes. Determination of telegraphically. Japan will afford U.S. Expedition desired facilities to make observations. | 10/2 |
| | 1173 | " 16 | Nagasaki. Application to Congress for permission for Mr. Jones U.S. Consul at, to accept appointment as Acting Portuguese Consul at, requested. | 10/2 |
| | 1174 | " 16 | Death sentence imposed on Wm. Dinkelle by Consular Court at Osaka & Hiogo. Dinkelle refuses to accept conditional pardon of the Brest. commuting his sentence. Mr. Bingham regards acceptance by culprit of a conditional pardon as necessary to the pardon's effectiveness. Execution of Dinkelle postponed until receipt of further instructions. | 10/2 |
| | 1175 | " 17 | Death sentence imposed on John M. Ross by Consular Court at Kanagawa. Ross refuses to accept conditional pardon of the Brest. commuting his sentence. Reasons for the refusal and Mr. Bingham's reply thereto. Question as to constitutionality of proceedings in Ross's case. Severely censures course pursued by Cons. Genl. Van Buren. Execution suspended. | 10/12 |
| | 1176 | Oct. 1 | Correction of an expression in his 1175. | 11/4 |
| | 1177 | " 1 | 527 received. | 2/4 |

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| John A Bingham | 1178 | Oct. 1 | Absence from post for 30 days but which Mr Bingham does not regard as an absence within the meaning of Printed Personal Instructions. | 11/4 |
| | 1179 | " 1 | Mendacious newspaper article stating that Mr. Bingham is negotiating a loan for Japan transmitted with comments | 11/5 |
| | 1180 | " 1 | Newspaper attack on Mr. Bingham reported with comment. | 11/4 |
| | 1181 | " 1 | Cholera. Pamphlet by Dr. Simmons on Cholera Epidemics in Japan transmd. | 11/4 |
| David Thompson Interpr. | — | " 6 | Account. | 11/4 |
| D. W. Stevens | — | " 8 | Account. | 11/4 |
| John A. Bingham | 1182 | " 8 | Claims of J. M. Batchelder vs. Japan for seizure of his steamer the "Peiho" & settlement of, reported. Japan pays 25000 yen cash and agrees to pay $14,000 out of any part of the Simonoseki Indemnity fund sufficient for that purpose which may be returned to Japan by U.S. | 11/4 |
| | 1183 | " 8 | Trade of Japan for August last. Report of, enclosed. | 11/4 |
| | 1184 | " 8 | Trade of Japan for July last. Report of, enclosed. | 11/4 |
| | 1185 | " 8 | Legation premises. Lease of renewed. Copy of lease enclosed. Reiterates request for authority to purchase Legation premises. Sum of $35,000 needed. | 11/4 |
| | 1186 | " 8 | Accounts. | 11/4 |
| | 1187 | " 8 | Difficulty bet. Japan & Dutch Min., Chevalier de Stoetwegen. The Chevalier has been recalled by his govt. | 11/4 |
| | 1188 | " 8 | Claim of H. Fogg & Co. vs. Japan growing out of sale of the bark "Valetta" & settlement of, reported. Japan pays $4000. cash and agrees to pay $8,000. out of money which may be received from the U.S. by way of partial return of the Simonoseki Indemnity fund. | 11/4 |
| | 1189 | " 18 | Hakodadi. Recogn. of W. C. Davisson as Cons. Agt at, applied for | 11/15 |
| | 1190 | " 18 | 528-530 received. | 11/15 |
| | 1191 | " 19 | Accounts (Duplicate). | 11/15 |
| | 1192 | " 19 | Contingent allowance. Requests that London Bankers be advised of increase of, before end of present quarter so that it may be availed of for this quarter. | 11/15 |
| | 1193 | " 19 | Claim of Capt. Browne of the "Wilmington" vs Japan for inhospitable treatment. Japan would be satisfied if U.S. would pay it out of the Simonoseki indemnity fund. Unclaimed balance of that fund ought to be returned to Japan. | 11/15 |
| | 1194 | " 20 | Exterritoriality. Question as to constitutionality of laws of U.S. establishing consular courts in the East submitted. | 11/15 |
| D.W. Stevens, Secry. | — | " 21 | Account (Duplicate). | 11/15 |
| John A. Bingham | 1195 | Nov. 2 | 531-534 received. | |
| | 1196 | " 2 | Trial of John M. Ross at Kanagawa for murder. Refusal of Mr Bingham to grant an appeal. Gratified at Dept.'s approval of his course. | 12/4 |
| | 1197 | " 2 | Claim of Capt. Browne of the "Wilmington" vs Japan. In anticipation of Dept.'s 534 Mr. Bingham had discontinued prosecution of. Refers to Legn.'s 1193 as suggesting a feasible mode of settling this claim. | 12/4 |
| | 1198 | " 6 | Hawaii. Note addressed by Mr Bingham to Min. for For. Affs. of, covering a package and note from Japanese For. Office enclosed for transmission & destination. Explanation. | 12/4 |
| | 1199 | " 6 | Trade of Japan for Sept. 1880. Report of, enclosed. | 12/4 |
| | 1200 | " 6 | Lew Chewan question. Amicable settlement of, bet. China & Japan reported. China obtains one of the Lew Chew Islds and Japan the rest | 12/4 |
| David Thompson | — | " 8 | Account. | 12/4 |
| John A. Bingham | 1201 | " 8 | Trial of John M. Ross at Kanagawa for murder. Counsel for Ross has applied to U.S. Circuit Court in California for review of proceedings. Suggests that Atty. Genl. be advised with a view to having the application denied. | 12/4 |
| | 1202 | " 8 | Trade of port of Fusan, Corea, for year ended June 30, 1880. Report of, enclosed. | 12/4 |
| | 1203 | " 8 | Admiral Clitz & staff. Presentation of, by Mr Bingham to Emperor reported. Admiral's speech enclosed. Courtesies extended the Admiral by Japanese officials & Foreign Representatives. | 12/4 |
| | 1204 | " 13 | Stationery requested. | 12/22 |
| | 1205 | " 15 | Judicial jurisdiction. Has informed Japan that Consular Agt at Hakodadi has no such jurisdiction. Suggests that Mr. Davisson the Agt appeal Consular jurisdiction cancelled. 12/23 | |

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| John A. Bingham | 1206 | Nov. 15 | Press (Foreign) in Japan. In answer to an enquiry of the Japanese govt made in consequence of the unjustifiable strictures of a portion of the foreign press, Mr. Bingham advises Japan that in his opinion she has undoubted right to regulate the foreign press. Correspondence encls. | 12/ |
| | 1207 | " 15 | Prisoner William Dinkelle at Osaka, convicted of murder. Consul asks Mr. Bingham to authorize his removal to Yokohama on account of his ill-health. Mr. Bingham withholds authorization but tells Consul he may act in the matter according to his own discretion. Jail at Yokohama no better than one at | |
| | 1208 | " 16 | Fog & Alphabet signal systems (Com. Beaumont's) Japan will adopt same whenever they shall come into general use. | 12/22 |
| | 1209 | " 22 | Penal Code of Japan. Translation of, made by interpreter of Legn. encld. Calls attention to liberal provisions in the code. | 12/22 |
| | 1210 | " 22 | Legation building. Renews recommendation that U.S. erect same in Japan. Cost will be not less than $35.000. Russian German & British Legations each cost a great deal more than $35.000. | 12/22 |
| | 1211 | " 23 | Military service Institution of U.S. Japanese documents for, enclosed. | 12/22 |
| | 1212 | " 23 | Leave of absence for Secy. of Legation requested. | 12/22 |
| | 1213 | " 23 | Cordial & significant expression of congratulation by the Emperor of Japan upon the election of a friend of Mr. Bingham's & Genl. Grant's as Pres't of the U.S., repo | 12 |
| | 1214 | Dec. 3 | Trade of Japan during October last. Report of, enclosed. | 1/5 |
| | 1215 | " 3 | 535-541 received. | 1/5 |
| | 1216 | " 3 | Package for Consul at Manila referred to in Dept's 539 has been forwarded to destination | 1/5 |
| | 1217 | " 4 | Longitudes. Determination of telegraphically. Has thanked Japan for her consent & afford U.S. Expedition facilities for taking observations. Reply to 538. | 1/5 |
| | 1218 | " 4 | Interpreter to Legation. Functions of Nathan E. Rice as, ceased Dec 31, 1874. Firms in Yokohama hold protested drafts upon which Rice realized two quarters' salary. | 1/5 |
| | 1219 | " 6 | Manslaughter. Will have Consular Court Regulations respecting punishment of, modified to conform to U.S. laws. Will instruct Consul at Osaka to apply to Pres't for due curtailment of O'Neil's term of imprisonment. Reply to 535 | 1/5 |
| | 1220 | " 6 | Russia & China. Rumor of settlement of controversy between. Terms. Large Russian naval force now in Japanese waters. England & France multiplying their war vessels in waters of China & Japan. Accident to Admiral of the Russian fleet. | 1/5 |
| | 1221 | " 13 | Judicial. Reports endorsement by Judge Sawyer of California of Mr. Bingham's decision declining to grant Ross' petition for appeal. Refers to Legn.'s 1201 & 1155. | 1/17 |
| | 1222 | " 13 | 542-546 received. | 1/17 |
| | 1223 | " 18 | Sanitary Conference. Japanese Min. at Wash'n has been appointed by Longworth as delegate to. | 1/17 |
| | 1224 | " 18 | Legation premises. Ground rent will not exceed $2.00 per annum. Lease will be in perpetuity. Reply to 542. Lease shd. be negotiated subject to Dep't's approval | 1/17 |
| | 1225 | " 21 | Sentence of imprisonment for manslaughter passed by Cons. at Osaka upon James O'Neil. Petition to Pres't for remission of so much of it as is in excess of law of U.S. transmitted. | 1/17 |
| | 1226 | " 21 | Manslaughter. Has amended Consular Court Regulations so that penalty for, prescribed by them conforms to that prescribed by laws of U.S. Amending decree | 1/17 |
| | 1227 | " 22 | Revision of Japan's treaties. Draft of treaty which Japan is to discuss in conference with European Powers, enclosed. U.S. will have benefit of it but will not be represented at the conference. Mr. Bingham calls attention to this purpose of European Powers to act independently of the U.S. | 1/ |
| | 1228 | " 22 | Judicial jurisdiction of U.S. Consular Courts in Japan. Contends that same extends to crimes committed by foreigners upon American vessels upon which they are serving as seamen. Reply to 546. Case of Ross. | 1/17 |
| | 1229 | " 27 | Cable (Telegraphic) bet. Japan & the U.S. Negotiation of Cyrus W. Field with Japan for laying of, reported. Whatever action is to be taken by U.S. in the matter shd be taken promptly in order to prevent England from getting control of such | 1/ |

Drawing issued by Consul Genl at Shanghai Aug 24 1861 inclosed.

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| Japan from page 502 | | 1881 | | |
| John A Bingham | 1230 | Dec. 2 | Trade of Japan. Report of, for November last enclosed. | 1/31 |
| | 1231 | " 3 | 547-550 received. | 1/31 |
| | 1232 | Jany 1881 | Postal Rates & Regulations (Domestic) of Japan transmitted. | 1/31 |
| | 1233 | " 4 | Earthquake in Tokei & Yokohama on 23d ult. Unusually protracted but no loss of life. Two story-bricks are the best buildings for resisting earthquake. | 1/31 |
| | 1234 | " 4 | Conflagration in Tokei on 27th ult. Great loss of life & property. Congress should provide a refuge for US. Ministers & archives of Legation from constantly recurring & destructive fires. | 1/31 |
| D. W. Stevens, Secy. | — | " 6 | Account. | 1/31 |
| John A. Bingham | 1235 | " 5 | New Year's reception of Emperor & Empress of Japan. | 1/31 |
| X | 1236 | " 5 | Corea. Japan declines to forward Commodore Shufeldt's letter to Govt of, through Japanese Min. at the Corean capital but offers to again forward it through Consul at Fusan. Japanese Min. to Corea has been instructed to endeavor to persuade Corea to enter into commercial relations with US. Offer to forward letter through Consul not accepted by Legation | 1/31 |
| | 1237 | " 6 | Accounts. | 1/31 |
| X | 1238 | " 6 | Corea. Does not believe that Japan obstructs establishment of commercial relations between Corea & For. Powers. Thinks that presence of war vessels at Fusan & intermeddling on part of Russia & Gt. Britain contributed largely to failure of Commodore Shufeldt's mission. China is persuading Corea to propose to US. the conclusion of a commercial treaty. Correspondence showing reprehensible inquisitiveness of England & Russia in regard to our dealing with Corea. | |
| D.W. Stevens, Sec. of Legn | — | " 17 | Account (Duplicate). | 2/18 |
| John A. Bingham | 1239 | " 17 | 551, 552 & certain documents received. Package addressed to govt of Japan, delivered. | 2/18 |
| | 1240 | " 17 | Accounts (Duplicates). | 2/18 |
| X | 1241 | " 18 | Kerosene. Action taken by Govr of Kanagawa agt. storage of, by Americans elsewhere than at govt. warehouses. Mr. Bingham sees in this action a discrimination agt the commerce of the US. which he suspects is instigated by British & other European agents, and consequently requests Imperial govt to countermand orders of Govr of Kanagawa. | 2/18 |
| | 1242 | " 19 | Nagasaki. Proposed consular govt of For. Settlement at. Such govt would be in contravention of rights of Japan and has no warrant in our laws. Letter addressed by Legation to Consul Jones disapproving the scheme, enclosed. It would be a European govt. | 2/18 |
| | 1243 | " 20 | Telegraph. Introduction of, into Japan & its progress. Report of J. Morris on, enclosed with explanatory charts. | 2/18 |
| X | 1244 | " 21 | China. Our new treaties with. British newspaper articles, on subject, encld. showing hostility of England to the progress of our trade in the East. Congratulates US. on being the first Power to take action towards relief of China from the iniquitous opium trade forced upon her & to be continued, it seems, by England at no matter how great a sacrifice of life in China. | 2/18 |
| | 1245 | " 22 | Blank Accounts requested. | 2/18 |
| David Thompson, Interp. | — | " 22 | Account. | 2/18 |
| John A. Bingham | 1246 | Feb. 1 | Passport returns for year 1880. | 2/5 |
| | 1247 | " 7 | Code list of Japanese vessels. Has applied for copies of. | 2/5 |
| | 1248 | " 7 | Financial condition of Japan during past 13 years. Report on, enclosed. | 2/5 |
| | 1249 | " 7 | Trade of Japan during December, 1880. Report of, enclosed. | 2/5 |
| | 1250 | " 7 | Consular Court Regulations. Amendment of, as to punishment of crimes. Publication of same by Mr Bingham with a notice that it would go into effect on the 2d inst, reported. | 2/5 |
| X | 1251 | " 8 | Renunciation of American citizenship. Adolph Russell applies to Con. Genl for authorization of his renunciation of US. citizenship. Con. Genl replies that he has no objection but will refer matter to Legation. Mr Bingham instructs Con. Genl. that Consuls have no authority to take any official action in such cases. | 2/5 |
| X | 1252 | " 9 | Trial of John M. Ross. Commutation of sentence. John M. Ross has accepted same, & will be sent to US. on 1st prox. Correspondence with Consul General enclosed. Suggests that a warrant be sent to Warden of Albany Penitentiary directing him to receive Ross. | 2/5 |
| | 1253 | " 9 | Marine notice enclosed. | 2/5 |

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| John A. Bingham | 1254 | Feb. 9 | Railway in Japan. Construction of, by J. U. Crawford an American. Great superiority of Mr. Crawford's work over work done in Japan by English Engineers. Emperor has conferred upon Mr Crawford the Order of the Rising Sun | 3/8 |
| David Thompson Interpr. | Feb | " 10 | Account (Duplicate). | 3/8 |
| John A. Bingham | 1255 | " 21 | Marine notice enclosed | 3/25 |
| | 1256 | " 25 | Nagasaki. Recognition of Mr. Fuller as Vice Consul at, has been applied for | 3/25 |
| | 1257 | " 25 | Lew Chewan question. Refusal of Chinese negotiators to sign treaty agreed upon for settlement of. Japanese Min. has left Peking. Refers to Legation's 1200. | 3/25 |
| | 1258 | " 25 | Thanks of Pres't. for Japanese Emperor's friendly expressions. Communication of, to For. Office, reported. | 3/25 |
| | 1259 | " 26 | Kerosene Storage of, at Yokohama. Refers to Legation's 1241 and shows that having been misled by Cons. Genl. at Kanagawa Mr. Bingham acted erroneously Has corrected his error. No discrimination. Warehouses for all inflammable substances were built by Japanese govt. at request of Consular Board. Mr. Bingham has instructed Consul Genl. to cause Americans to store Kerosene at govt. warehouses. | 3/25 |
| | 1260 | " 26 | 554-561 & stationery received. Delay in receipt of 554-555. Missent by Dept. | 3/25 |
| | 1261 | " 25 | Trial of John M. Ross | |
| | 1262 | Mar. 15 | Sanitary Conference. Thanks of U.S. for Japan's participation in, and protocols of proceedings of, communicated to For. Office Nos. 563, 564, & Commercial Relations received. | 4/14 |
| | 1263 | " 15 | Policy of U.S. towards Japan. Liberality of, as evidenced in revision of treaties, & in recognition of Japan's right to impose quarantine, & in admitting Japan to participation in the Sanitary Conference. Has no doubt but that Japan gratefully appreciates it. | 4/14 |
| | 1264 | " 15 | Russia. Assassination of Emperor. Respect shown by Legation to memory of the deceased Emperor. Expressions of condolence made to Russian Minister. | 4/14 |
| | 1265 | " 16 | Osaka & Hiogo. Has authorized Consul at, to use good offices in behalf of French citizens there, temporarily. This action taken in pursuance of request of French Min. | 4/14 |
| | 1266 | " 16 | Judicial procedure. Japanese Code of, enclosed. | 4/14 |
| | 1267 | " 16 | Revision of Japan's commercial treaties. Gt. Britain & France have notified Japan that they will enter upon negotiations merely for revision of present treaties, not for conclusion of new ones. France & Gt. Britain to work together independently of other powers. Violation of policy of cooperation. Denounces unjust policy of Gt Britain & France towards Japan. | 4/14 |
| | 1268 | " 17 | Hawaiian King's visit to Japan. His cordial reception. Favorable impression created by him. Attentions shown him by Mr. Bingham & Emperor of Japan. The King's resignation thereof. Entertained the King in pursuance of advice given by Mr. Bingham. | 4/14 |
| | 1269 | " 17 | Trial of John M. Ross. Constitutionality of our Consular Courts in China & Japan. Mr. Bingham contends that they are constitutional and urges U.S. to strenuously resist action to be taken by Ross in U.S. to have his sentence annulled. Great injury to our interests would result from such annulment. | 4/14 |
| | 1270 | " 23 | Trade of Japan for January 1881. Report of, enclosed. | 4/27 |
| | 1271 | " 23 | Trade of Japan for half year ended Dec. 31, 1880. Report of, enclosed | 4/27 |
| | 1272 | " 25 | Newspaper misrepresentation of course pursued by Mr. Bingham in regard to British oppression of Japan, reported. | 4/27 |
| | 1273 | " 26 | Consular Fees. Amendment of Consular Court Regulations so as to have a regular scale of, prescribed. Consul Genl. asks Mr. Bingham to make such amendment so that the Consular Courts will be relieved of embarrassment in assessing costs. Mr. Bingham declines because consular fees should not be assessed upon a defeated litigant as part of the costs of the trial. Practice which Mr. Van Buren has pursued of making such assessment should be stopped. Correspondence sent. | 4/27 |
| | 1274 | " 26 | 565-569 received. | 4/27 |
| | 1275 | " 28 | Courts (Consular) in Japan. Circuit Courts of U.S. cannot lawfully remove or reverse judgments of, in capital cases. Ross cannot be discharged by such courts from custody. Habeas Corpus proceedings to be instituted at Nagasaki in behalf of Ross. Suggests that U.S. attorney there be specially instructed. | 4/27 |

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| John A. Bingham | 1276 | Mar. 28 | Nagasaki. Has informed Portuguese Min. that U.S. Consul at, cannot be appointed Portuguese Consul at. Reply to 568. | 4/27 |
| X | 1277 | " 29 | Hawaii & Japan. New treaty between. Citizens of either country to reside & trade in the other upon same terms as natives. Hawaiians not to enjoy any extrritorial privileges in matter of trial & punishment. Japan thus ignores right of Europe to control her in making treaties. Mr. Bingham proud that U.S. by treaty of 1878 was the first civilized Power to acknowledge right of Japan to regulate her own commerce. | 4/27 |
| | 1278 | " 29 | Flags requested. | 4/27 |
| | 1279 | " 29 | Trade of Japan for February 1881. Report of, enclosed. | 4/27 |
| | 1280 | " 31 | Passport returns. | 4/27 |
| | 1281 | " 31 | Accounts. | 4/27 |
| | 1282 | " 31 | Account for rent of Court House & Jail. | 4/27 |
| | 1283 | " 31 | Hawaiian Min for For. affs. Note for, encls. It acks. the one enclosed in Dispt's 567. | 4/27 |
| D. W. Stevens Sec. | — | Apl 15 | Account. | 5/16 |
| John A. Bingham | 1284 | " 13 | Apptmt of Mr. Blaine as Secretary of State. Announcement of, ackd. | 5/16 |
| | 1285 | " 13 | 569-574 received. | 5/16 |
| | 1286 | " 13 | Postal. Report of Japanese Postmaster Genl. transmitted with comments. | 5/16 |
| | 1287 | " 13 | Exhibition (National) at Tokei. Second one. Its inauguration. Evidence of commendable disposition of the Emperor. Catalogue enclosed. | 5/16 |
| | 1288 | " 15 | Accounts (Duplicate). | 5/16 |
| X | 1289 | " 15 | Revision of Japan's commercial treaties. European powers, disposed to insist upon a joint conference in Europe. Urges that U.S. abstain from participation in such conference & that she discard the policy of cooperation which does her no good but aids England to continue her rapacious oppression of Japan. Interviews with German Minister. Japan's control of her commerce should be restored to her. | 5/16 |
| | 1290 | " 16 | Kerosene. Storage of. Has revoked action reported in his 1259. Removal of Kerosene from warehouses of American firms to Japanese govt. warehouses would work hardship & injustice. Has had orders for the removal suspended. Correspondence encls. Thinks matter will be satisfactorily settled. | 5/16 |
| X | 1291 | " 18 | Commutation of sentence of James O'Neil alias Rodgers convicted of manslaughter by Consular Court at Osaka. O'Neil refuses to accept same. He desires to be transfered to the U.S. He ought not to be favored with such transfer. Has had Pres't's warrant recorded in the Consular Court. | 5/16 |
| | 1292 | " 18 | Opinions of the Atty. Genl. & Supreme Court Reports. Volumes of, to complete his sets requested. | 5/16 |
| | 1293 | " 18 | Death of the Empress Dowager of China. Legation flag displayed at half mast pursuant to request of Chinese Minister. | 5/16 |
| | 1294 | " 18 | Nagasaki. W. S. Furber recognized as Vice Consul at. | 5/16 |
| X | 1295 | " 18 | Thanks of Pres't. for Japanese Emperor's friendly expressions. Communication of, to For. Office reported. | 5/16 |
| | 1296 | May 6 | Lighthouses of Japan. List of, enclosed. | 6/13 |
| | 1297 | " 6 | Trade of Japan. Report of, for March 1881 enclosed. | 6/13 |
| | 1298 | " 6 | Banks in Japan. Statistics rel. to, enclosed for transmission to H. P. Hubbard. | 6/13 |
| X | 1299 | " 9 | Revision of Japan's commercial treaties. Gives an illustration of disposition of Gt Britain to dissuade Japan from attempting to obtain control of her own commerce. | 6/13 |
| | 1300 | " 9 | Department of Agriculture & Commerce. Establishment of, in Japan reported. | 6/13 |
| | 1301 | " 10 | Chargé. Asks if Sec. of Legation Mr. Stevens can now be paid for services as, in 1878 & 1879. Departure of Mr. Stevens from Tokei on leave. | 6/13 |
| | 1302 | " 11 | Sulphur shipped from Japan. Export duty on, abolished. | 6/13 |
| | 1303 | " 10 | Kerosene. Storage of. No. 577 & telegram of May 7 received. Refers to his 1290. Further action on his part awaits further information. | 6/13 |
| X | 1304 | " 13 | Code list of Japanese vessels. Three copies of, enclosed. Japan will exchange such lists with U.S. hereafter. Reply to circular of Dec. 20. 1880. | 6/13 |
| | 1305 | " 14 | Foreign Relations for 1880. Several copies of, requested. | 6/13 |
| X | 1306 | " 15 | Trial of John M. Ross. Criticizes a newspaper article on the Ross case. Requests to be informed of what has been done in the case since arrival of Ross in the U.S. | |

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| David Thompson, Interp'r. | — | May 14 | Account | 6/13 |
| John A. Bingham | 1307 | " 26 | 5 R - 581 received. | 6/20 |
| | 1308 | " 26 | Kerosene. Storage of. Has told Frazer & C. that Legn. will insist upon non enforcement of Japanese order for removal of stock, at present stored in private warehouses to govt. warehouses, but that cargoes arriving hereafter will have to be stored in govt. warehouses. Inconsistent letter of Consul Genl. Van Buren enclosed. Its untenable positions. | 6/20 |
| | 1309 | " 26 | Russia. Rumor of recall by, of all her ministers abroad, reported. | 6/20 |
| | 1310 | " 26 | Trial of John M. Ross. Further vindication by Mr. Bingham of position assumed by him in the Ross case. Controversion of arguments used by a newspaper in Japan. Copy of the controverted article encls. Constitutionality of the laws establishing Consular Courts in China & Japan. | 6/20 |
| | 1311 | June 8 | Trade of Japan. Report of, for April 1881 enclosed | 7/5 |
| | 1312 | " 8 | Longitudes. Determination of telegraphically. Arrival of Lieut. Comm'r F. M. Green. Needed facilities granted him | 7/5. |
| | 1313 | " 8 | Trial of John M. Ross. Further vindication that the position assumed by Mr Bingham was in accordance with the treaty & the law | 7/5. |
| | 1314 | " 8 | Pilot law of Japan recognized as binding upon British subjects by British Chargé d'Affaires and the refusal of the British Consul to respect the same in a recent case. Erroneous comments of the Press | 7/5. |
| | 1315 | " 9 | Visit of the Russian Admiral Lessoffsky to Japan & the United States. Suggests that sleeping car facilities bet San Francisco & New York be obtained for the Admiral | 7/5 |
| | 1316 | " 9 | Meteorological Report of Japan transmitted | 7/5. |
| D. H. Stevens Secretary | — | June 30 | Account | 7/9 |
| | — | July 9 | Liam arrived of May 17th arrives at his home June 15th | 7/9 |
| John A. Bingham | 1317 | June 20 | Corea. Arrival of Commodore Shufeldt and Tokio and his departure for Shanghai. Efforts of a British newspaper to defeat object of his mission. Gt Britain's policy to prevent U.S. from acquiring commercial advantages in the East. | 7/15 |
| | 1318 | " 20 | Corea. Action of Chinese Min. at Tokio to have Corea enter into treaty negotiations with U.S. Note from Chinese Min. stating that Corea is not yet ready, enclosed. Mr. Bingham supposes that danger of war with Russia having passed China does not now wish us to be in treaty relation with Corea. | 7/15 |
| | 1319 | " 20 | Visit of Russian Admiral to U.S. prevented by order from his govt to return by way of Suez. | 7/15 |
| | 1320 | " 21 | Industries in Japan (Agricultural Commercial & Manufacturing) Steps taken by govt for development of. U.S. ought to release — Japan's commerce from oppression without further delay. | 7/15 |
| | 1321 | " 22 | 582-587 & circular of Apl. 26 received. | 7/15 |
| | 1322 | " 22 | Flags & six copies of For. Relations received | 7/15 |
| | 1323 | " 22 | Longitudes. Determination of telegraphically. U.S. Expedition has satisfactorily completed observations in Japan. | 7/15 |
| | 1324 | " 22 | Shipwreck convention. Has advised Japan of Senate's ratification of | 7/15 |
| | 1325 | " 23 | University of Tokio. Prospectus of. History of Western Education in Japan. | 7/15 |
| | 1326 | " 23 | Commendation of an American Professor in the University Stationery requested. | 7/15 |
| | 1327 | July 4 | Account | 8/. |
| | 1328 | " 4 | Passport returns | 8/. |
| | Tel. | " 4 | Assassination of Pres. Garfield. Information as to Pres.'s condition requested. | |
| | 1329 | " 5 | Assassination of Pres. Sympathy of Japan. | 8/. |
| | 1330 | " 5 | Trade of Japan. Report of, for May 1881, enclosed. | 8/. |
| | 1331 | " 5 | Marine notice enclosed. | 8/. |
| | 1332 | " 6 | Judicial. Alleged conflict bet Rev. Statutes & Consular Court Regulations as to punishment of criminals. Letter addressed by Mr. Bingham to Consul at Osaka showing that there is no conflict in case of Dinkelle | 8/. |
| | 1333 | " 6 | 588-593 received. | 8/. |
| | 1334 | " 6 | Meteorological Reports enclosed. | 8/. |
| | 1335 | " 7 | Drugs exported to Japan by Powers & Weightmann of Phila. Alleged discrimination agt. by Japan's Analyst. Refutation of the allegation. Reply to 593. | 8/. |
| David Thompson Interpreter | — | " 8 | Account. | 8/. |

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| John A. Bingham | 1336 | July 5 | Assassination of Prest. Article in the Japan Daily Mail disrespectful of Prest Garfield and subsequent article apologizing, enclosed. Mr. Bingham thinks Congress should enact that attempts upon lives of prominent public officers shall be punishable with death. | |
| | 1337 | " 5 | Kerosene. Storage of. Will endeavor to protect legitimate interests of American firms owning storehouses but regards their claims to exemption from storing Kerosene in govt. warehouses as unwarrantable. Reply to 588. | 8/1 |
| | 1338 | " 18 | Accounts (Duplicate). | 8/20 |
| | 1339 | " 21 | 594, 595 & various circulars received. | 8/20 |
| | 1340 | " 21 | Judicial. Acknowledgment & justification of Dept's approval of his course in the Ross case. | 8/20 |
| | 1341 | " 21 | Claim of E. Remington & Sons vs. Japan growing out of contract. Denial of justice. Will present same as soon as possible. Letter for claimants enclosed. | 8/20 |
| | 1342 | " 22 | Collisions at Sea. Amendment of Japanese Regulations for prevention of, reported. | 8/20 |
| | 1343 | " 22 | Drugs exported to Japan by Powers Wrightmann, of Phila. Complaint of shippers that they are discriminated against. Further evidence of unfounded character of the complaint. Has applied to Japan for convincing evidence. | 8/20 |
| | 1344 | " 22 | Assassination of Prest. Garfield. Congratulations of Emperor upon improvement in Prest.'s condition. | 8/20 |
| | 1345 | " 23 | British Policy towards Japan. Arraignment of it as unjust & injurious, by Sir E. J. Reed. Vindication of it, in reply, by Sir Harry Parkes, Minister to Japan. Statements heretofore made by Mr. Bingham fully borne out by Mr. Reed. Recommends that treaty of 1878 be put into operation at once. | 8/20 |
| | 1346 | " 25 | Rescue of Japanese seamen belonging to the "Yusha Maru" by Amer. vessel "City of Peking" reported. Has advised Japanese govt, and requested payment of charge made for transportation of the rescued seamen from San Francisco to Yokohama. | 8/20 |
| | 1347 | " 26 | Financial information desired by Treasury. Has applied to Japanese govt. for | 8/20 |
| | 1348 | " 26 | Postal telegraphes & Savings Banks. Has applied for information rel to Japan's systems of. | 8/20 |
| | 1349 | " 26 | Apptmt. of Mr. Hitt as Assistant Sec. of State. Announcement of, ackd. High commendation of Mr. Hitt. | 8/20 |
| | 1350 | " 26 | Blank Books & Official Register of U.S. requested. | 8/20 |
| | 1351 | " 27 | 596-601 & circular of June 14 received. | 8/20 |
| | 1352 | " 27 | Foreign Relations. Six copies received. Thanks. | 8/20 |
| | 1353 | " 27 | Hawaii & Japan. Treaty between. Omission of extra-territoriality clauses. Commends and justifies Dept.'s sanction of the omission. Reply to 596. | 8/20 |
| | 1354 | " 27 | Kerosene. Storage of. No 601 received. & will be carried out. Japan has given assurance that she will furnish satisfactory storage room. Her right to protect her people from the dangers of Kerosene is paramount to commercial obligations. Arrange the claim of Frazar & Co's painters has expired. | 8/20 |
| | 1355 | " 27 | Assassination of Prest. Urges that Dept. recommend to Congress to make attempt upon life of an Executive officer a capital offence. | 8/20 |
| | 1356 | Sep. 7 | 602-606, stationery, & Supreme Court Reports received. Opinions of Atty.-Gen. noted | 10/3 |
| | 1357 | " 8 | Marine notices enclosed. | 10/3 |
| | 1358 | " 8 | Absence from Tokei at a short distance in the mountains for 20 days, reported | 10/3 |
| | 1359 | " 8 | Kanagawa. Absence of Consul Genl from his post, reported. He visited Hong Kong | 10/3 |
| | 1360 | " 8 | Cholera. Appearance of, in Kagoshima. Warning given Americans. | 10/3 |
| | 1361 | " 8 | Claim of E. Remington & Sons vs Japan growing out of contract. Presentation of, reported. | 10/3 |
| | 1362 | " 9 | Postage charges on packages sent by Legation to Consulate General. Apparent exorbitancy of. Explanation. Correspondence enclosed. Announces Cons. Genl.'s course in regard to prepaying postage of Legation. | |
| | 1363 | " 9 | Kerosene Imperial Act fixing test for, which practically prohibits importation of Kerosene and is very unjust to importers who have stock on hand. Mr. Bingham remonstrates. Note to For. Office enclosed. Understands that enforcement of the Act will be postponed. Injustice of claim of Frazar & Co. regarding storage of Kerosene | 10/3 |
| | 1364 | " 20 | Meteorological report of Japan | 10/24 |
| | 1365 | " 20 | Treaty revision and the action of the British Government thereon as shown by enclosed extract from newspapers | 10/24 |
| | tel | " 22 | Death of the President. Official notice given | |

Death of the President officially noticed

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| Japan from page 510. | | 1881 | | |
| John A. Bingham | 1366 | Sept 24 | Kerosene. Imperial order fixing test for, which practically prohibits importation of Kerosene. Modification of order obtained from Japan and the date for order to go into effect postponed to Sept 1. 1882. Complimentary | 10/24 |
| | 1367 | " 24 | Postal telegraphs and postal savings banks. Report of Japan on enclosed | 10/24 |
| | 1368 | " 24 | Pharmacopoeias of Japan. Report on | 10/24. |
| | 1369 | " 24 | 607-610 received | 10/24. |
| | 1370 | " 24 | Kerosene, storage of. Had secured for the China and Japan Trading Co. the same privileges as was obtained for Messrs Frazar & Co. Sept 6 607 | 10/24. |
| | 1371 | " 24 | Shipwrecks, Convention for the reimbursement of expences incurred in cases of. States that he has not heard of the exchange of ratification | 10/24. |
| | 1372 | " 24 | Precious metals in Japan. Gives information as to export & import of for Treasury Dept | 10/27. |
| | 1373 | " 26 | 611-615 received | 10/24. |
| | 1374 | " 27 | Death of General Garfield. Respect shown this meaning in Japan | 10/24. |
| | 1375 | " 27 | Accounts of D. W. Stevens as Chargé d'affaires ad interim in 1878-9 transmitted | 10/24 |
| | 1376 | " 27 | Return of Mr Stevens to post on the 24th | 10/24. |
| | 1377 | " 27 | Resignation of David Thompson as Interpreter transmitted. Recommends the appointment of Samuel R. Frazier as his successor | 10/24. |
| David Thompson | 1 | " 27 | Resignation tendered to take effect on the receipt of this letter | 10/24. |
| D. W. Stevens | — | " 27 | Departed for post August 15th and arrived Sept. 24. | 10/24. |
| John A. Bingham | 1378 | Oct 5 | Customs returns for July & August enclosed | 11/4 |
| | 1379 | " 7 | Kerosene, storage of. Reasons why the China and Japan Trading Co and Frazar & Co should comply with Japanese regulations and store their oil as required. Enc. regulations & correspondence had upon the subject | 11/4. |
| | 1380 | " 8 | Death of the Imperial Princess Sumiko. Condolences expressed by Minister | 11/4. |
| D. W. Stevens | — | " 10 | Accounts | 11/4. |
| John A. Bingham | 1381 | " 10 | Accounts | 11/4. |
| | 1382 | " 10 | Death of President Garfield. Public announcement made | 11/4. |
| | 1383 | " 18 | Accounts (Duplicate). | 11/19 |
| D. W. Stevens Sec. | — | " 20 | Account (Duplicate). | 11/19 |
| John A. Bingham | 1384 | " 20 | Record Books received. | 11/19 |
| | 1385 | " 21 | Political. Decree of Emperor providing for establishment of a national parliament in 1890 enclosed. Commends this act of the Emperor. Note of congratulation to Min for For Affs enclosed. | 11/19 |
| | 1386 | " 22 | Medical inspection of vessels arriving in Japan. Steps taken by Mr. Bingham to have Japanese Regulations for, observed by American vessels. | 11/19 |
| | 1387 | " 22 | Silk Guild (Japanese) at Yokohama. Opposition to, on part of Foreign merchants. Correspondence with the merchants enclosed. Mr. Bingham does not regard their movement as warranting his participation. | 11/19 |
| | 1388 | " 24 | Political. Changes in organization & personnel of the Japanese govt. reported. | 11/19 |
| | 1389 | " 24 | Jurisdiction of U.S. Consular Courts over offences committed by foreigners while serving as seamen on board American merchant vessels. Newspaper article condemning Dept.'s assertion of, enclosed with comments. | 11/19 |
| | 1390 | " 24 | Consular Regulations of 1881. Copy of, requested. | 11/19 |
| | 1391 | " 25 | Letter for Commr of Agriculture, transmitted | 11/19 |
| David Thompson Interpreter | — | " 24 | Account. | 11/19 |
| John A Bingham. | 1392 | " 29 | Death of President Garfield. Condolence of the Emperor | 12/2 |
| | 1393 | Nov. 4 | Prisoner Wm. Dinkelle at Osaka. He applies to Legation to be sent to U.S., but Legation declines the application. Action should be suspended in Dinkelle's case until Supreme Court has decided as to constitutionality of Consular Courts. Pardon issued by Pres. Hayes, & not accepted by Dinkelle, Mr. Bingham regards as no longer efficacious Mr. Hayes being no longer President. Recommends that new pardon be issued. Correspondence enclosed. | 12/2 |
| | 1394 | " 5 | Kerosene. Storage of. Reduction of rate of storage by Japanese [illegible] a low figure [illegible] | |

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| John A Bingham. | 1395 | Nov. 5 | Silk Guild (Japanese) at Yokohama. Opposition of foreign merchants to. Discussion of the difficulty by representatives of the Guild and of the merchants at the Legation, reported. The merchants have no good grounds for complaint. | 12/2 |
| | 1396 | " 7 | Medical inspection of vessels. Japanese Regulations for. Aid given by For. Govt to the enforcement of them has checked introduction of cholera into Japan. Copy of Cons. Genl.'s notification to American vessels to observe the regulations, which was given in pursuance of Mr. Bingham's instructions, enclosed. | 12/2 |
| | 1397 | " 7 | Drugs shipped by Powers & Weightmann to Japan. Alleged discrimination in analysis of, by Analyst of the Japanese govt. No. 616 received. Refers to his 1343. | 12/2 |
| | 1398 | " 7 | Telegraphic cables. Mr. Bingham has ascertained that the Great Northern Telegraph Co. of Denmark has not yet sought to obtain from Japan exclusive privileges in the matter. Correspondence enclosed. Refers to his 1229. | 12/2 |
| | 1399 | " 14 | Revision of Japan's commercial treaties. Report of Manchester Chamber of Commerce adverse to compliance with Japan's requests, enclosed. Organization by Gt. Britain of public opinion in support of her purpose to reject Japan's demands. British govt is to join other European govts in a conference on the revision question at Tokei. Mr. Bingham has told British Min. that he will not take part in such conference. | 12/19 |
| | 1400 | " 15 | Meteorological Reports transmitted. | 12/19 |
| | 1401 | " 15 | Letter Seals requested. | 12/19 |
| | 1402 | " 21 | Silk Guild (Japanese) at Yokohama. Difficulty with foreign merchants. Settlement of it, reported. Thanks of Japan for Mr. Bingham's mediation, good offices. | 12/19 |
| | 1403 | " 21 | Revision of Japan's commercial treaties. Report of Committee of London Merchants adverse to compliance with Japan's requests enclosed with comments. | 12/19 |
| | 1404 | " 21 | Fishing in Okhotsk Sea. Necessity for foreign vessels to procure license before engaging. Notification by Russian Consul at Yokohama enclosed. | 12/19 |
| | 1405 | " 23 | Customs Report of Japan for Sept. 1881, transmitted. | 12/19 |
| | 1406 | " 23 | Judicial procedure in the East. Letter published by G. W. Hill, Ross's counsel, criticizing our present system & signifying intention to apply to Congress for amelioration of it, enclosed with condemnatory comments. | 12/19 |
| | 1407 | Dec. 3 | Trade Report of Japan for October 1881, enclosed. | 1/3 |
| | 1408 | " 3 | 617-620 received. | 1/3 |
| | 1409 | " 3 | Shipwreck Convention. Distribution of copies of, reported. | 1/3 |
| | 1410 | " 5 | Death of President Garfield. Reports having expressed our appreciation of Japan's condolence. | 1/3 |
| | 1411 | " 6 | Judicial procedure in the East. Recommends that Legation's despatches be sent to Congress as a rebuttal of Mr. Hill's petition for reform of our laws. | 1/3 |
| | 1412 | " 6 | Claim of Nagai Jinske vs U.S. for loss of his junk by collision with USS. "Ashuelot" Foreign Office calls attention to it. Mr. Bingham refers to his 1119 & suggests reopening of the case. | 1/3 |
| | 1413 | " 7 | Decoration tender of, by the Emperor to Mr. Bingham, reported. Permission to receive it, requested. | 1/3 |
| | 1414 | " 8 | Lease of Court House & Jail. Renewal of, reported. Lease enclosed. | 1/3 |
| | 1415 | " 9 | Meteorological Reports transmitted. | 1/3 |
| | 1416 | " 10 | Silkworm-eggs transmitted for Dept. of Agriculture. | 1/3 |
| | 1417 | " 19 | Medical inspection of vessels. Japan has withdrawn requirement of, owing to disappearance of cholera. | 1/7 |
| | 1418 | " 22 | Outrage upon crew of American vessel "Diana" by Russians inhabiting Copper Island. Newspaper article on subject, enclosed. Has applied to Cons. Genl. for information. | 1/7 |
| | 1419 | " 22 | Trial of Wm Dinkelle. Amended copy of record, enclosed. Has again suspended execution of Dinkelle. Instructions awaited. | 1/7 |
| | 1420 | " 22 | Mails for Consulates in Japan. Authority to conclude agreement with Japan for closed mail service but Dept & Consulates, requested. Japan is willing. | 1/7 |
| | 1421 | " 23 | Judicial & legislative functions of British Ministers & Consuls in China & Japan. New Order in Council setting forth same, enclosed. It provides for cooperation of the representatives of other Powers. Reasons why U.S. representatives should not cooperate. Extraordinary rule of procedure injuriously affecting U.S. citizens. | 1/7 |

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| John A. Bingham | 1422 | Dec. 24 | Meteorological Reports transmitted. | 1/7 |
| | 1423 | Jany 1882 12 | Dictionary & stationery requested. | 2/13 |
| | 1424 | " 12 | Consular Regulations & circular of June 1, received. | 2/13 |
| | 1425 | " 12 | Trade of Japan during November 1881. Report of, enclosed. | 2/13 |
| | 1426 | " 12 | Death of Princess Sumiko. Has expressed condolence pursuant to instruction 620. | 2/13 |
| | 1427 | " 12 | Laws received. | 2/13 |
| | 1428 | " 14 | 621-631 received. | 2/13 |
| | 1429 | " 16 | Apptmt. of Mr. Bingham to a Japanese Judgeship. Rumor of, denied. Asks if any telegram respecting such apptmt. has been received at Department & if so, from whom. | 2/13 |
| | 1430 | " 17 | Accounts. | 2/13 |
| | 1431 | " 17 | Passport returns for 3d & 4th quarters. | 2/13 |
| | 1432 | " 17 | Passport returns for year 1881. | 2/13 |
| | 1433 | " 17 | Interpreter of Legation. Mr. Frazier entered upon his duties on 2d inst. Oath enclosed. | 2/13 |
| X | 1434 | " 17 | Claim of E. Remington & Sons vs. Japan growing out of contract. Japan offers $8000. in settlement. Mr. Bingham recommends that this offer be accepted. | 2/13 |
| Y | 1435 | " 18 | Revision of Japan's commercial treaties. Conference of European Ministers with Japan at Tokei. Japan very anxious that Mr. Bingham should attend the conference. Policy of Gt. Britain respecting the revision question continues to be the subjugation of Japan. Full exposé of it. | 2/13 |
| | 1436 | " 18 | Murderer James O'Neil applies to Minister for writ of Habeas Corpus. Minister declines to grant application. Reasons. | 2/13 |
| | 1437 | " 18 | Outrage upon crew of American vessel "Diana" by Russian inhabitants of Copper Island. Particulars of the affair. Cons. Genl. Van Buren should not have shipped the crew of the "Diana" or permitted her to leave Yokohama flying the American flag. | 2/13 |
| D. W. Stevens, Sec. | — | " 23 | Account. | 2/16 |
| | — | " 26 | Account (Duplicate). | 3/9 |
| John A. Bingham | 1438 | " 26 | Accounts (Duplicate). | 3/9 |
| | Tel. | Feb. 3 | Revision of Japan's Commercial Treaties. Recommends that he be authorized to join conference without committing US. | |
| | 1439 | " 8 | Apptmts of Mr. Frelinghuysen & Mr. Davis as Secy & Asst. Sec. of State. Announcements of, asked. | 3/9 |
| | 1440 | " 8 | Letter seals 632-634 received. | 3/9 |
| | 1441 | " 8 | Trade Report of Japan for December 1881. Copies of, transmitted. | 3/9 |
| | 1442 | " 8 | Annoyance of Mr. Bingham by newspaper remarks as to the false rumor that he is to take service with Japan. | 3/9 |
| X | 1443 | " 9 | Revision of Japan's commercial treaties. Confirms & explains his telegram of 3d inst. Note from For. Office requesting Mr. Bingham to attend Conference, enclosed. | 3/9 |
| | 1444 | " 9 | Newspaper statistics transmitted for H. P. Hubbard. | 3/9 |
| | 1445 | " 9 | Death of Pres. Garfield. Condolence of the Emperor. Note to For. Office expressing appreciation, issued. | |
| | 1446 | " 10 | Storage of Kerosene & other explosives, treaty revision, trade, &c. Report of Yokohama Chamber of commerce on, enclosed. | 3/9 |
| Y | 1447 | " 10 | Revision of Japan's commercial treaties. Endorsement by British Residents in Japan of British Minister's unjust policy, reported. Address presented to the Min. on his return to Tokei, enclosed. | 3/9 |
| | 1448 | " 10 | China. Rumor of intention of, to make war on Japan during coming summer, reported. Mr. Bingham does not credit it. Arrival of new Chinese Minister. | 3/9 |
| Y | 1449 | " 13 | Revision of Japan's commercial treaties. Will join conference pursuant to authority in Dept.'s telegram of 9th inst. | 3/9 |
| David Thompson Interp. | — | Mar. 6 | Account | 4/7 |
| John A. Bingham. | 1450 | " | 635-641 received. | 4/7 |
| Y | 1451 | " 6 | Revision of Japan's commercial treaties. Communication to Japanese govt. of his intention to take part in the Conference, reported. Read Dept.'s 635 to Min. for For. Affs. He expressed gratification at our recognition of Japan's right to control her commerce but stated Europe would not be so just. | 4/7 |
| Y | 1452 | " 7 | Flag of the US. Right of the "Diana", a foreign built vessel purchased by an American citizen, to carry same. In reply to enquiry, Mr. Bingham informs For. Office that she has the right if the purchase was bona fide. Mr. Bingham however has doubts of the bona fides. | 4/7 |

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| John A. Bingham | 1453 | Mar. 7 | Trade Report of Japan for January 1882, transmitted. | 4/7 |
| | 1454 | " 7 | Russian Minister at Tokio, Mr. de Struve, has been appted to represent Russia at Washington, & sails for his new post by next steamer. Commends Mr. de Struve | 4/7 |
| | 1455 | " 7 | Meteorological reports transmitted. | 4/7 |
| | 1456 | " 17 | 642 & 643 received. | 4/15 |
| | 1457 | " 18 | Manslaughter case of O'Neill. Mr. Bingham protests against transfer of O'Neill from Japan to US | 4/15 |
| | 1458 | " 20 | Customs immunities accorded foreign war vessels in Japanese ports. Information rel. to, furnished | |
| | 1459 | " 20 | Account for rent, encld. Approval of renewed lease which accompd his 1414 requested | 4/15 |
| | 1460 | " 20 | Decoration conferred upon by him Emperor. Desires in case there is any opposition in Congress to his receiving same, that request for permission for him to receive it be withdrawn. | 4/15 |
| | 1461 | " 30 | Revision of Japan's commercial treaties. Mr. Bingham attends Conference. Is welcomed by British Min. He replies expressing thanks for welcome & stating that US. is not to be committed by any action Conference may take. | 4/29 |
| | 1462 | " 31 | Accounts. | 4/29 |
| | 1463 | " 31 | Interpreter's compensation. Requests that letter of credit on London Bankers be sent to Mr. Frazier | 4/29 |
| | 1464 | " 31 | Compensation of Mr. Stevens as Chargé from Oct 26, 1878 to May 20, 1879. Asks that Congress be requested to appropriate for. | 4/29 |
| D. W. Stevens | — | Apl. 3 | Account | 4/29 |
| John A. Bingham | 1465 | " 3 | Books forwarded for Benj Smith Lyman of Mass., ex-geologist of Japan. | 4/29 |
| | 1466 | " 3 | Flags requested. | 4/29 |
| | 1467 | " 4 | Murder case of Wm Dinkelle. Proposal of Dinkelle to accept new President's conditional pardon. Requests that District Atty. at San Francisco be fully instructed so as to prevent Dinkelle's escaping punishment through habeas corpus proceedings. Argues that no proceedings can properly be had in courts in US. to set aside action of Consular Court at Osaka. Constitutionality of Consular courts. Great injury would be done our commercial interests if it should appear that proceedings of Consular Courts can be defied and set at naught. | 4/29 |
| | 1468 | " 5 | Penal Code of Japan. List of recent additions to, enclosed. | 4/29 |
| J. R. Frazier Interpreter | — | " 6 | Account. | 4/29 |
| John A. Bingham | 1469 | " 6 | Manslaughter case of O'Neill. Additional copies of Mr. Bingham's decisions adverse to appeal, enclosed. | 4/29 |
| | 1470 | " 6 | Meteorological Reports transmitted. | 4/29 |
| | 1471 | " 6 | Kerosene. Obstruction of importation of into Japan by test & storage regulations. Reports action taken by him for removal of obstruction. Note to Min. for For. Affs., encld | 4/29 |
| | 1472 | " 17 | 644-650 & stationery received. | 5/15 |
| | 1473 | " 17 | Trade reports of Japan for half year ended Dec. 31, 1881, transmitted. | 5/15 |
| | 1474 | " 18 | Postal convention for free transmission of closed mails between the govts. & their diplomatic & Consular officers. Has informed Japan of his readiness to conclude same. | 5/15 |
| | 1475 | " 18 | Murder case of Wm Dinkelle. Reports arrangements for transfer of Dinkelle to the US. Reasons for declining to let Consul Genl. Van Buren take charge of the matter | 5/15 |
| | 1476 | " 18 | Dictionary received. Thanks. | 5/15 |
| | 1477 | " 19 | Claim of E. Remington & Sons vs. Japan growing out of contract. Has informed Japan that claimants will accept $8.000. offered by her in settlement. The money will be paid very shortly. | 5/15 |
| | 1478 | " 19 | Marine notice. Copies of, enclosed. | 5/15 |
| | 1479 | " 19 | Financial. Report of Director of Japanese Mint. Five copies, enclosed. | 5/15 |
| | 1480 | " 19 | Accounts (Duplicate). | 5/15 |
| D. W. Stevens Sec | — | " 19 | Account (Duplicate) | 5/15 |
| J. R. Frazier Interpreter | — | " 19 | Account (Duplicate) | 5/15 |
| John A. Bingham | 1481 | " 20 | Collision of USS. "Alert" with Japanese war-vessel "Jingei Kan", reported. Enquiry into the matter instituted by Japan. | 5/15 |
| | 1482 | May 3 | Trade Reports of Japan for Feb. & March 1882, enclosed. | 6/6 |
| | 1483 | " 5 | Murder case of Wm Dinkelle. Transfer of Dinkelle to the US. Letter to Cons. Genl explaining why Mr. Bingham gave charge of the matter to Consul at Osaka instead of to Cons. Genl, enclosed. | 6/6 |
| | 1484 | " 9 | Murder case of Wm Dinkelle. Charges preferred by Dinkelle agt. Consul at Osaka of misappropriation of money and subornation of perjury, to his injury. Refutation of | 6/6 |

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| John A. Bingham | 1485 | May 9 | Revision of treaty Conference. Proceedings of, reported. It seems that the European Powers do not intend to accept a single one of Japan's proporations, but are endeavoring rather to obtain increased control over the rights & interests of the Japanese. | 6/6 |
| | 1486 | " 10 | Swiss citizens. Protection of, by Dip Officers of U.S. Circular of Mar. 19 received. German Min. is representing Switzld in the treaty revision Conference. Whether he represents Switzld outside of the Conference, in Japan, Mr. Bingham does not Know. Nos. 651 & 652 received. | 6/6 |
| | 1487 | " 10 | Murder case of Wm. Dinkelle. States that Dinkelle will probably be sent to U.S. on steamer of May 25. Renews suggestions that District Attorney at San Francisco be fully instructed so as to prevent escape of the prisoner by means of habeas corpus proceedings. | 6/6 |
| | 1488 | " 10 | Meteorological reports transmitted. | 6/6 |
| | 1489 | " 11 | Claim of E. Remington & Sons vs. Japan growing out of contract. Payment by Japan of $8000. to Mr. Bingham in settlement of. Letter to claimants informing them that the money is on deposit in bank to their credit, inclosed. | 6/6 |
| | 1490 | " 20 | 653 & 654 received. | |
| | 1491 | " 20 | Jurisdiction of U.S. Consular Courts in Japan over offenses committed by foreigners on board American merchant vessels in Japanese waters. Answers protest of British Min. at Washn. Reply to 607 | |
| | 1492 | " 22 | Murder case of Wm. Dinkelle. Copies of warrants issued by Consul Stabel for transfer of Dinkelle to Albany, inclosed. Dinkelle sails June 3. | 6/6 |
| | 1493 | " 22 | Extra-territoriality question. Requests that U.S. defer action in regard to, until after question has been passed upon in the treaty-revision conference now pending. Japan proposes opening the country to foreigners on condition of abolition of extra-territorial privileges. Mr. Bingham favors acceptance of this proposition. | 6/6 |
| | 1494 | " 23 | Revision of treaty Conference. Report of discussion of tariff question. Japan's draft of tariff and counter draft of the European Powers inclosed. Discrimination agt. principal products of U.S. in favor of principal product of Great Britain. Protest of Mr. Bingham. Opium to be admitted. Intention of European Powers not to allow Japan to control her own commerce, & not to allow U.S. liberty of action in revising its treaties with Japan. The European draft has been accepted by Japan but this acceptance is not final, & will be withdrawn unless Japan obtains certain concessions respecting extraterritoriality and abolition of favored nation clauses. | 6/6 |
| | 1495 | " 30 | Murder case of Wm. Dinkelle. Further arrangements for transfer of Dinkelle to Albany, reported. | 6/28 |
| | 1496 | " 31 | Marine notice inclosed. | 6/28 |
| | 1497 | " 31 | Judicial. Defendant in a civil suit at Kanagawa applies to Mr. Bingham for a writ of mandamus and a new trial. Mr. Bingham rejects application on ground of want of jurisdiction. Copy of decision inclosed. | 6/28 |
| | 1498 | " 31 | Corea. Treaty negotiations of Commodore Shufeldt. Probability of early success of. China has sent a high official to Corea to cooperate with the Commodore. Japanese Min. to Corea says he will assist the Commodore if possible, to dictate terms. European Powers manifest a purpose to intervene. Hopes U.S. will not admit their cooperation. | 6/28 |
| | 1499 | " 31 | Political. Emperor thanks Mr. Bingham for his favorable disposition towards Japan. Mr. Bingham answers that his disposition merely reflects that of the U.S. Japan keenly feels the humiliation to which she is subjected by other Powers not being allowed even to establish quarantine agt. a pestilence | 6/28 |
| | 1500 | " 31 | Cholera. Appearance of, in the province of Kanagawa. Ninety-seven cases in May. | 6/28 |
| | 1501 | " 31 | Indemnity (Simonoseki). Bill for refund of unexpended balance to Japan. Rumor that Congress has passed it. Hopes the rumor may prove true. | 6/28 |
| | 1502 | " 31 | Chargé d'Affs. Compensation of Mr. Stevens for services as, during 1879 & 80. Renews request that Dept. take steps to have Congress provide for. Congress should appropriate, and would do so, if requested by Dept. | |

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| Great Britain from p. 338. | | 1882 | | |
| | Tel | Mar 15 | Extraterritoriality. Proposed abolition of, by Turkey. Ambassador at Constantinople in conference agrees that an information regarding the matter emanates from him if Consuls only; it is not official, & should not be noticed. Consuls have been instructed that the Statute is in contravention of the Capitulations & ought to be opposed. Not written sign yet from the Porte to open the abolition | |
| James R. Lowell | 331 | Mar. 14 | Arrests of Americans in Ireland. Report on. Cases of M. B. Fogarty, M. Boylon, J. B. Walsh, J. D'alton, Daniel Mc Sweeney, N. O'Mahoney, J. Mc Enery, James F. Daly, D. N. O'Connor, James L. White, Philip O'Sullivan, & Michael Hart. Correspondence enclosed. The Coercion Act an extreme measure and intended by British govt. to be so, but deemed necessary for preservation of order. Our request for early trials not likely to be granted; Americans cannot be treated better than British subjects, and one of the main objects of the Act was to do away with trials. Mr. Lowell has considered that intervention by him would be proper only in cases of error or exceptional & discriminating harshness. 3p7 | |
| | 332 | " 17 | Extraterritoriality in Turkey. Encs note from For. Office substance of which was telegraphed to Dept on 15th inst. | |
| | 333 | " 20 | Fishery Exhibition to be held at London in 1883. Management desires to know whether U.S. would take part if invited. Prospectus enclosed. Project seems to have all guarantees of solidity and respectability. | |
| | Tel. | " 17 | Arrests of Americans in Ireland. Lord Granville promises speedy answer to our request for early trials. | |
| | Tel. | " 19 | Arrests of Americans in Ireland. Lord Granville regrets delay in answering our request for early trials; it has been caused by necessity of consulting authorities in Ireland. He says he cannot encourage Legation to expect a favorable answer. Written reply looked for within a day or two. | |
| | Tel | " 30 | Arrests of Americans in Ireland. Wreck Commissioner Mr. Rothery telegraphs from Liverpool that he will see Mr. Hoppin at court to-morrow. | |
| | Tel | " 30 | Arrests of Americans in Ireland. Mr. Lowell fully comprehends gravity of the situation. Has again seen Lord Granville & tried to impress upon him importance of a favorable answer to our request for early trials. He will answer after Cabinet Meeting to-morrow. Mr. Lowell will see Irish Secretary on 1st prox. | |
| | Tel | " 31 | Arrests of Americans in Ireland. Memorandum of Lord Granville containing answer of the Cabinet to our request, quoted. It is to the effect that, formal answer will be sent to British Min. at Washn for communication to Dept.; arrests not a punitive but a preventive measure; British govt. disposed to release prisoners upon guarantee of Legation that they will leave Gt. Britain & not return | |
| | Tel | " 31 | Pardon of Dr. Lamson sentenced to be hung on 4th prox. On 17th inst., Legn. employed distinguished lawyers to examine evidence. Though repeatedly urged for an opinion they did not report until 29th. They think that serious doubt as to Lamson's sanity may be entertained. Mr. Lowell has presented President's request for reprieve. | |
| William J. Hoppin<br>James R. Lowell | Tel<br>Apl. | " 31<br>Aprl. 1 | Arrests of Americans in Ireland. Prime minister says that words "not to return", in the memorandum, mean "not to return during continuance of exceptional legislation" | 4/20 |
| | Tel. | " 1 | Pardon of Dr. Lamson. In deference to President's request British govt. has granted Lamson a reprieve of a fortnight. This not to be understood to imply final commutation of sentence. | |
| | Tel | " 2 | Arrests of Americans in Ireland. Memorandum modified so as to do away with requirement of guarantee or promise not to return, & thus removing the conditions to an engagement to forthwith leave the United Kingdom. Mr. Lowell has vainly urged unconditional release. John Rose working with us. The majority of Americans already released. Irish Secretary thinks only three remain. | |
| | Tel | " 3 | Arrests of Americans in Ireland. States objections of Irish Secretary to unconditional release. Could not make distinction in favor of Americans agst natives; if released, defiance to authority would result and Ireland would swarm with American agitators; same result if tried & acquitted as they would be, because no jury would dare to convict & no one would dare give evidence for conviction. American agitators regarded by the authorities as more troublesome than the natives — their business to make difficulty. O'Connor, Hart, Walsh, & White have been released. No Joseph Dalton has been arrested. | |
| | Tel | " 3 | Arrests of Americans in Ireland. Sir John Rose submits acceptance by U.S. of the conditions as modified. Does not think British govt. can make further concession. [illegible] immediately, because in case of refusal British govt. | |

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| James R. Lowell | 324 | Apl 3 | Missionaries (Americans) in Persia. Apprehension for their safety. Lord Granville has instructed British Minister at Teheran to report upon the state of their affairs. Reply to telegram of 23d ult. | 4/17 |
| | 335 | " 6 | Galachiel. Richard Lees recognized as Consular Agent at. | 4/20 |
| | 336 | " 6 | Accounts. | 4/20 |
| X | 337 | " 6 | Pardon of George H. Lamson sentenced to death in England. Reports action of Legation to procure same. Opinions of eminent counsel approving course pursued by defence & expressing belief that there is room for serious doubt as to sanity of Lamson, enclosed. Action taken by the counsellors for respite. Reprieve of a fortnight from 4th inst. granted. Correspondence encld. | 4/20 |
| X | 338 | " 7 | Arrests of Americans in Ireland. Details action taken by Legation to procure early trials or unconditional release of the parties arrested. Results have been telegraphed to Dept. Correspondence enclosed. Falseness of charge of harsh treatment of "suspects" while in jail. | 4/20 |
| ✓ | 339 | " 8 | Discharge of Abraham Murdock from British army. Information as to age & citizenship of Murdock requested to support application for free discharge. To obtain the discharge as a favor, would cost about $150. | 4/20 |
| X | Tel | " 12 | Arrests of Americans in Ireland. Does not think it possible to procure release of remaining three American suspects except upon the condition reported in Legation's telegram of 2d inst. | |
| X | Tel | " 13 | Arrests of Americans in Ireland. "Will telegraph names and more precise information as to suspects as soon as obtained" | |
| | 340 | " 11 | Accounts (Duplicate | 4/24 |
| E. S. Nadal 2d Sec. | — | " 8 | Account. | 4/20 |
| | — | " 11 | Account (Duplicate). | 4/24 |
| Wm J. Hoppin | — | " 11 | Account (Duplicate). | 4/24 |
| James R. Lowell | 341 | " 12 | Port Hope J. C. Dutcher recognized as Command Agt. at. | 4/29 |
| | 342 | " 14 | Irish question. New policy adopted by Conservative party viz: peasant proprietorship. Difficulties in the way of carrying it out. Outrages in Ireland are alienating sympathy of all classes in Great Britain & strengthening demand for severe measures for restoration of order. Speeches of Lord Salisbury & Sir Stafford Northcote, encld. | 4/29 |
| X | Tel | " 17 | Pardon of George H. Lamson. Sec. of Home Dept. out of deference to President's request has granted further respite of 10 days but hopes no further delay will be asked for. | |
| X | Tel | " 19 | Arrests of Americans in Ireland. Remaining prisoners are O'Mahoney, Mc. Sweeney, Mc. Inerney, Slattery, Brophy, & Gannon. Has delayed reporting these names in order to transmit with them the additional information desired. This he will send as soon as practicable. | |
| ✓ | Tel | " 19 | Arrests of Americans in Ireland. "Irish Secretary will be in London Friday morning when I shall see him." | |
| | Tel | " 20 | Fishery Exhibition. Lord Granville will extend invitation to U.S. to participate. | |
| ✓ | Tel | " 20 | Arrests of Americans in Ireland. States grounds upon which the prisoners named in his telegram of 19th inst are held. | |
| | 343 | " 17 | Lurgan. Name of Consular Agent at, is Magahan not Mahagan. Suggests that a new certificate of appointt be sent. Has asked For. Office not to delay recognition on account of the erroneous spelling. | 5/2 |
| | 344 | " 18 | Customs immunities accorded foreign war vessels in British ports. Further information rel. to, furnished | 5/3 |
| ✓ | Tel | " 21 | Arrests of Americans in Ireland. Irish Sec. is willing to release all but Gannon whose citizenship is doubtful, upon condition of returning to U.S. Mr. Lowell told the Sec. he could not assent to any condition but would inform the prisoners of what the Sec. said and would let them know that they could each have forty pounds on release & promise to return to U.S. | 5/3 |
| | 345 | " 21 | Sydney & Nevis. Charles Kahle & H. R. Challoner recog.d as Cons & Cons Agt. at, respec. | |
| X | 346 | " 21 | Arrests of Americans in Ireland. Application for release of James L. White and reply of For. Office stating that release has been ordered, encld. | 5/3 |
| ✓ | 347 | " 22 | Arrests of Americans in Ireland. New case; Edward Hickey. Insulting letter from him encld. No proof of U.S. citizenship. Instructions requested. Difficulty of ascertaining truth of allegations of citizenship. O'Mahoney & Mc. Sweeney regarded by Mr. L. as having resumed British allegiance. Traffic in naturalization papers. Difficulty of identifying with persons to whom they were issued. Asks whether he may depute Cons. to investigate claims of citizenship & if so whether Dept will reimburse expenses of such investigation. | |

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| James R. Lowell | Tel | Apl. 26 | Arrests of Americans in Ireland. O'Mahoney left Ireland for America June 10, 1878. | |
| | Tel | " 28 | Arrests of Americans in Ireland. O'Mahoney undecided. Other four suspects decline release on condition of returning to the US. Money offer withdrawn in all cases. | |
| | 348 | May 1 | Telegraphic expenses. Advice of draft for. | 5/15 |
| | 349 | " 3 | Arrests of Americans in Ireland. Encs. further correspondence essential portions of which have been already communicated to Dept. by telegraph. Confirms telegraphic report of his interview on 21st ult. with Irish Secretary. Mr. Lowell assents to the Secretary's trying the experiment of offering the prisoners release upon condition of returning to US. but declined accepting any conditions for themselves. All the suspects will probably soon be released & thus given an honorable opportunity to transfer their usefulness to another hemisphere. By such release the most effective argument in favor of disorder & resistance of laws will be rendered nugatory. | 5/15 |
| | 350 | " 4 | Arrests of Americans in Ireland. Case of J. R. McCormick. Correspondence recd. Doubtful citizenship. Instructions as to how long a naturalized US. citizen may reside in his native country without being regarded as having resumed his native allegiance requested. Mr. McCormick has been in Ireland for 13 years & gives no evidence of intention to return to the US. | 5/15 |
| | 351 | " 6 | Arrests of Americans in Ireland. Printed copy of correspondence published by Gt. Britain and further correspondence respecting O'Mahoney, Slattery, Brophy Lynam and Gannon. | 5/15 |
| | 352 | " 6 | Extradition case of Wm. Watts. Has applied for arrest. Papers returned for signature of Sec. of State. | 5/15 |
| | 353 | " 8 | Account for telegrams | 5/22 |
| | 354 | " 8 | Lurgan. F. W. Magahan recognized as Com. Agt. at. | 5/22 |
| | 355 | " 8 | Monetary Conference. Note from For. Office conveying assent of Gt. Britain to postponement of next meeting, enclosed. | 5/22 |
| | 356 | " 9 | Postal-telegraph system of Gt. Britain. Information rel. to, furnished. | 5/22 |
| | 357 | " 11 | Testimonials for officers of British ship "Ethiopia" for services rendered American vessel Jamestown". Delivery of, to For. Office reported. Reply to 367. | 5/24 |
| | 358 | " 12 | Medal awarded Alexander Lyman Holley by British Iron & Steel Institute for propagation of adoption of the Bessemer Steel process in America, transmitted for delivery to family of Mr. Holley | 5/24 |
| | 359 | " 12 | Leave of absence requested. | 5/24 |
| | 360 | " 12 | Records of Salem, Mass. alleged to have been carried away by the British in 1776. Mr. Lowell's application for, and Lord Granville's reply stating that they cannot be found among British archives, enclosed. | 5/24 |
| | 361 | " 12 | Death of President Garfield. Presentation to the Queen of the handsomely framed proof of the new 5¢ postage stamps of US. bearing vignette of the murdered President reported. Note from her Secretary expressing thanks enclosed. | 5/24 |
| | 362 | " 13 | Account for telegrams (Duplicate). | 5/24 |
| | 363 | " 13 | Dundee. Wm. McIntyre recognized as V. & Dep. Consul at. | 5/24 |
| | 364 | " 13 | Irish question. Introduction into House of Commons of new Bill for prevention of crime in Ireland. Account of debate enclosed. Comments. Measures for settlement of arrears question will nevertheless be continued by the govt. A reasonable settlement would be very pacificatory of Ireland. | 5/24 |
| | 365 | " 13 | Murder of Lord Cavendish. Observations of Mr. Lowell intensative of the horror and pathos of the tragedy. | 5/24 |
| | Tel | " 15 | Arrests of Americans in Ireland. No. 366 not yet received. | |
| | Tel | " 16 | Arrests of Americans in Ireland. No. 366 received to-day. Will communicate it to Lord Granville as soon as practicable. O'Mahoney's certificate of naturalization states it was issued on ground of his enlistment in Navy. | |
| | 366 | " 16 | Irish question. Text of Bill for prevention of crime in Ireland, and report of debate in House of Commons on Arrears of Rent Bill, enclosed. | 5/29 |
| | 367 | " 17 | Morrisburgh. A. B. Elliott recognized as Commercial Agent at. | 5/24 |
| | 368 | " 18 | Halifax. W. S. Frye recognized as Consul-General at. | 5/24 |
| | 369 | " 20 | Irish question. Report on present condition of. Passage of new prevention-of-crime Bill to its second reading. Improvement in disposition of the Irish party in the House. Communication of course pursued by the govt. Prospects. | 5/24 |

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| James R. Lowell | X | Tel | May 20 | Arrests of Americans in Ireland. Communication of Dept.'s 366 to Lord Granville reported. Mr. Lowell urged important points. Lord G. promised answer soon. | |
| E. A. Nadal | | — | " 23 | Leave of absence requested. | 6/25 |
| James R. Lowell | | 370 | " 23 | Leave of absence. Approves request of Second Sec of Legation for. | 6/25 |
| | | 371 | " 23 | Fishery Exhibition at London in 1883. Satisfaction of Gt Britain at action thus far taken by U.S. for participation in. Reply to 361. Correspondence mailed. | 6/25 |
| | | 372 | " 24 | Law of Nations. Report of last annual conference of Association for reform and codification of, enclosed. | 6/6 |
| | | 373 | " 26 | Windsor, Amherstburgh, & Bradford. C. Ewars, J. Turner, & W. F. Grinnell, recog'd as Consuls at. | 6/6 |
| | X | Tel | " 29 | Clayton-Bulwer treaty. "Davis's telegram received. Foreign Minister is absent. Will return next Thursday." | |
| | | — | " 30 | Alabama Claims. Proposed new Court for distribution of unexpended balance of award received by U.S. from Gt Britain. Encls. letter from Robert C. Heddell offering U.S. benefit of his information, which he alleges is very complete, regarding blockade running and destruction of Cotton. | 6/10 |
| | | 374 | " 30 | Financial information furnished for Treasury. | 6/10 |
| | | Tel | June 1 | Clayton-Bulwer treaty and Ambassadorial exclusiveness. Communication of Dept.'s 368 & 378 to Lord Granville reported | |
| | | 375 | " 1 | Legation. Rights of. Abstention of Ambassadors at Constantinople from conference with Dip. Officers of a lower grade. Delivery of a copy of Dept.'s 378 to Lord Granville, reported. | 6/13 |
| | X | 376 | " 1 | Clayton-Bulwer treaty. Modification of. Delivery of a copy of Dept.'s 368 to Lord Granville, reported. | 6/13 |
| | | Tel | " 2 | Extradition of Jacob Weil. He will be detained until arrival of papers. | |
| | X | 377 | " 5 | Testimonials for Messrs Mc Candless & six fishermen for saving life of an American seaman on occasion of the wreck of Norwegian brig "Hilding" Transmission of, to For. Office reported. | 6/19 |
| | X | 378 | " 5 | Testimonial for Capt. Waring of British vessel "Gordon Castle" for services rendered American ship "Humboldt". Transmission of, to For. Office, reported. | 6/19 |
| | | 379 | " 6 | Identity of U. A. Burke. He is, as he represents himself to be, the brother of the murdered Under Secretary. His mind is not very well balanced. Reply to 380. | 6/19 |
| | X | 380 | " 8 | Cotton. Adulteration of, in the U.S. Report of New York Cotton Exchange. Consul at Manchester says the Report has already been given all possible publicity. Reply to 379. | 6/22 |
| | | 381 | " 16 | Legation. Rights of. Abstention of Ambassadors at Constantinople from conference with Dip. Officers of a lower grade. Encls. note from For. Office stating that it is in correspondence with British Ambassador at Constantinople on subject. Reply to 378. | 6/29 |
| | V | 382 | " 20 | Health Congress at Brighton. Report of proceedings of, received from Mayor of Brighton, transmitted for the President | 7/1 |
| | | 383 | " 22 | Ship's papers. Custody of, by local authorities on west coast of Africa solicited. Detention of papers of the "Henry Middleton", explained. Note from For. Office, enclosed. | 7/7 |
| | | 384 | " 23 | Three Rivers, Fort Erie, & Clifton. Messrs. Wilson, Chilton, & Low recognized as Consuls at, respectively. | 7/7 |
| | | 385 | " 27 | Calcutta. Gt. Britain asks whether C. C. Bancroft has been appt'd V. & Dep. Cons. Gen. at. | 7/11 |
| | | 386 | " 29 | Collingwood, Kempt, & Courtwright. Messrs. Hunt, Hobart, & Baby recognized as V. Consuls Agt. & Consular Agts at, respectively. | 7/12 |
| | X | 387 | " 29 | Monetary Conference. Report of Delegates from India. Four copies transmitted for U.S. delegates. | 7/12 |
| | | 388 | " 30 | Prescott & Belize. Recognition of H. L. Slaght and A. E. Morland as Consuls at, respectively. | 7/17 |
| | X | 389 | " 30 | Discharge of Abraham Murdock from British army has been granted. | 7/17 |
| Wm J. Hoppin | | — | " 30 | Account. | 7/18 |

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| John A. Bingham | 1520 | July 3 | Revision of treaty Conference. Protocol of Session of 1st ult. containing Japan's propositions of opening the entire country and judicial reform, and Mr. Bingham's remarks in advocacy of their acceptance, enclosed. | 7/21 |
| | 1521 | " 3 | Quarantine. Interference of European Powers with Japan's right to establish same, suspected. New Quarantine regulations of no efficacy, have been issued to take the place of those which were enclosed in Legn.'s 1508. Mr. Bingham has ordered observance of these new regulations by Americans. | 7/21 |
| | 1522 | " 5 | Correspondence of Consuls with Legation. Refers to his and reports declension of Mr. Van Buren to comply with Mr. Bingham's request. in the matter. | 7/21 |
| | 1523 | " 5 | Suits of Americans vs. British subjects in Japan. Declension of British Consular Courts to entertain same except upon humiliating conditions. Case at Osaka. U.S. Consul declines to assent to the conditions and retaliates by not entertaining suit of a British subject against an American. Mr. Bingham approves Consul's course. | 7/21 |
| | 1524 | " 12 | Trade Report of Japan for May 1882 enclosed. | 8/7 |
| | 1525 | " 12 | Accounts. | 8/7 |
| | 1526 | " 12 | Passport returns. | 8/7 |
| | 1527 | " 12 | Corea. U.S. treaty with. Has disabused Japan of erroneous belief that it contained an acknowledgment of suzerainty of China over Corea. Commends the treaty. Comments on hostility towards it which is evinced by British newspapers. | 8/7 |
| Samuel R. Frazier Interpreter<br>John A. Bingham | — | " 13 | Account. | 8/7 |
| | 1528 | " 13 | Extra-territoriality circular received. | 8/7 |
| | 1529 | " 13 | Meteorological Reports transmitted. | 8/7 |
| | 1530 | " 13 | Conflict of Instructions. Circular of Apl. 9, 1882 says accounts should be sent to 5th Auditor. Circular of August 20, 1877 says they should not. | 8/7 |
| | 1531 | " 22 | 660-662 + revised general instructions for Secretaries of Legation received. | 8/16 |
| | 1532 | " 22 | Accounts (Duplicate). | 8/16 |
| | 1533 | " 22 | Mails of Consulate Genl. Closed pouch service for, cannot be established until convention with Japan is concluded. Surprised at Consul Genl.'s complaint to Dept. Reply to 665. | 8/16 |
| | 1534 | " 22 | Decoration conferred upon him by Emperor. Note to Foreign Office stating that he is not permitted to accept it, enclosed. Reply to 656. | 8/16 |
| D.W. Stevens | — | " 22 | Account (Duplicate) | 8/16 |
| Saml. R. Frazier | — | " 24 | Account (Duplicate). | 8/16 |
| John A. Bingham | 1535 | " 24 | Minister from Japan to the U.S. Appointt. of Mr. Terashima Munenori as, announced. History + commendation of the appointee. | 8/16 |
| | 1536 | " 24 | Revision of treaty Conference. Protocol of Session of 29th ult. containing remarks of British Minister advocating settlement of tariff question in advance of settlement of question of opening all Japan to foreigners and judicial reform and Mr. Bingham's remarks in opposition. Japan will probably adopt Mr. Bingham's views. | 8/16 |
| | 1537 | " 28 | Meteorological reports transmitted. | 9/4 |
| | 1538 | " 27 | Corea. Treaty between U.S. & Corea. Unjustifiable British newspaper comments upon, with a view to prevent its ratification. Newspaper extract enclosed. | 9/4 |
| | 1539 | " 28 | Revision of treaty conference. Encs. various protocols + points out important propositions submitted. Conference adjourned July 27. | 9/4 |
| | 1540 | " 29 | Garfield Memorial Hospital. Encs. contributions of U.S. Consul + others at Nagasaki | 9/4 |
| | 1541 | " 29 | Residence temporarily in the country reported. | 9/4 |
| | 1542 | Aug. 2 | Corea. Mob's attack upon Japanese Min. in, reported. Min. will be sent back with an armed escort to peaceably reestablish the mission. | 9/4 |
| | 1st | " 14 | Corean King deposed by mob led by Taiwin Kun. All quiet now. | |
| | 1543 | " 17 | 663-671 circulars of July 8 received. | 9/16 |
| | 1544 | " 17 | Appointment of John Davis. Circular rel. to received | 9/16 |
| | 1545 | " 18 | Absence from Capital from July 29 to August 15. reported | 9/16 |
| | 1546 | " 19 | Corea. Dept of telegrams received + sent. | 9/16 |
| | 1547 | " 19 | Corea. Mob attack upon the Japanese Legation. Gives full account of, from Japanese government. Interview with Minister for For. Affs. Japan desires U.S. to suspend action on the Corean treaty. Suggests that the question of the suzerainty of China over Corea be defined by joint action of U.S. Great Britain + Japan. Mr. Bingham does not approve of this action. | 9/16 |
| | 1548 | " 31 | 672-673 received | 9/16 |

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| John A. Bingham | 1549 | Aug 21 | Corea outrage. Enc. telegram from Foreign Office stating that Tsiin-Kun had issued a circular before the outbreak | 9/16 |
| | 1550 | " 21 | Corean difficulty. Mr Bingham declines to order Admiral Clitz to send a war vessel to Corea to insist that the Coreans respect the rights of foreigners. By direction of the Secretary of the Navy Admiral Clitz has sent a war vessel | 9/16 |
| | 1551 | " 29 | Commercial relation between Great Britain & Japan. Extract from the report of Sir James Bain to the Glascow Chamber of Commerce enc. He approves of the extension of foreign trade in the interior and the consequent extension of Japanese jurisdiction to foreigners. | |
| | 1552 | " 28 | Corean treaty with the U. S. Encloses letter from the Yokahoma Chamber of Commerce requesting an opportunity to present their views on the commercial clauses before its final ratification. Mr. Bingham considers this action taken on acct of the interest in the British opium trade. | |
| | 1553 | " 28 | Corea & Japan, Treaty of peace & friendship between enc. This treaty expressly declares that Corea is an independent state. | |
| | 1554 | " 28 | Detailed acct. of the revolt of July 23 in Corea. Murder of the Queen, perfidy of Tsa-ui-Kun &c. enc. | |
| | 1555 | " 28 | Account of the trade & mineral resources of enc. Importance of ratifying treaty with Corea | |
| | 1556 | " 29 | Corean treaty. California paper states that as Corea is a dependency of China the Coreans are Chinese & cannot be allowed to emigrate to the U. S. The treaty therefore is in conflict with the act prohibiting Chinese emigration to the U. S. Mr Bingham refutes this assumption. | |
| | 1557 | " 30 | Corea, difficulty with Japan in fair way to amicable settlement. Japan will exact no indemnity beyond actual expenses. Notice of Japanese Minister on Re-entering of Capital of Corea enc. | |
| | 1558 | " 31 | Kerosene oil imported into Japan, decree fixing the test 115° Fah. not to go into effect until July 1, 1883. In the meanwhile the test will be 110. | |
| | 1559 | " 31 | Mail pouches rec'd. | |
| | 1560 | Sep. 8 | Cholera abating in Japan. Gratified at recognition by U.S. of right of Japan to establish quarantine. Condemns European govts for not allowing her to exercise such right | 10/9 |
| | 1561 | " 9 | Financial information furnished for Treasury Dept. | 10/9 |
| | 1562 | " 11 | Corean difficulty. Peaceful settlement of, between Japan & Corea. Japan deserves credit for moderation of her demands & Corea deserves credit for prompt compliance with them. Note of congratulation & commendation addressed by Mr. Bingham to Japanese Min. for For. Affs, enclosed. | 10/9 |
| | 1563 | " 11 | Treaty Revision. Rumor that Germany intends to negotiate for residence & trade of Germans in the interior of Japan. It is not improbable. Pretension of Gt Britain that treaty of 1866 cannot be revised by any one of the parties alone with Japan, is not well founded. | 10/9 |
| | 1564 | " 12 | Corea. Chinese Emissary to, has arrested leader of recent riot and sent him to Peking for trial. Proclamation of said emissary showing intention of China to exercise a protectorate over Corea enclosed. Action of the emissary enabled rightful govt of Corea to make terms with Japan & hence Japan does not complain of it. Japan anxious that Commr. Shufeldt's treaty be ratified by U.S. Correspondence between Mr. Bingham & U.S. Min. at Peking. Interviews with Japanese Min. for For. Affs. | 10/9 |
| | 1565 | " 12 | Customs Report for June 1882, enclosed. | 10/9 |
| | 1566 | " 22 | Secretary of Legation. Resignation of D. N. Stevens as. | 10/20 |
| | 1567 | " 22 | 674-683 a circ. announcing appoint. of Mr. Adee as 3d Asst Sec., received. | 10/20 |
| | 1568 | " 23 | Revision of treaties Conference. Termination of. Protocols of its proceedings and summary thereof, transmitted. Comments. Disposition of Gt Britain to oppress Japan's commerce. Connection of report of Mr. Bingham's remarks. Resumé of Japan's propositions. Recommends early acceptance by U.S. of said propositions and conclusion of a separate convention based thereon. | 10/20 |

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| John A. Bingham | 1569 | Sep. 25 | Meteorological Reports transmitted. | 10/20 |
| | 1570 | " 25 | Corean difficulty. Letter from King of Corea to Emperor of China praying for release of his father who was arrested by the Chinese as the ringleader of the recent revolt. No fear of further insurrectionary movements. | |
| | 1571 | Oct. 3 | Trade Report of Japan for July 1882, enclosed. | 10/25 |
| | 1572 | " 4 | Blank forms requested. | 10/25 |
| | 1573 | " 4 | Judicial procedure. Conditions required by British Consular Courts for prosecution of suits by Americans. Has in pursuance of Dept.'s 679 instructed Consul at Osaka to comply with the conditions upon express understanding that whatever comity is shown to British subjects by our courts shall be shown to Americans by British courts. | 10/25 |
| | 1574 | " 4 | Accounts. | 10/25 |
| | 1575 | " 5 | Secretary of Legation. Recommends P. Jondon for appointt. as. | 10/28 |
| S. R. Frazier, Interpreter. | — | " 5 | Account. | 10/28 |
| John A. Bingham | 1576 | " 7 | Cholera. Disappearance of, from Osaka & Yokohama. Quarantine raised | 10/28 |
| | 1577 | " 14 | Accounts (Duplicate). | 11/9 |
| | 1578 | " 14 | Stationery requested | 11/9 |
| | 1579 | " 16 | Newspaper attack upon Mr. Bingham. Enes. article. Severely animadverts upon it & points out its falseness. | 11/9 |
| | 1580 | " 16 | Corea. Newspaper article contending that Corea is a dependency of China enclosed with comments. British opposition to liberal treatment of Asiatic States by U.S. in commercial matters. Japan is very desirous that the Shufeldt treaty be ratified by President. | 11/9 |
| | 1581 | " 16 | Meteorological reports transmitted. | 11/9 |
| | 1582 | " 21 | 684-687 received. | 11/17 |
| | 1583 | " 21 | Foreign Relations. Eight copies received. Thanks. | 11/17 |
| | 1584 | " 21 | Trade Report of Japan for August 1882, enclosed. | 11/17 |
| | 1585 | " 24 | Outrage upon American vessel "Diana" by inhabitants of Copper Island. No. 613 received. Asks whether he or Dept. is to present claim agt. Russia. Reasons why he did not believe the "Diana" to be an American owned vessel. | 11/17 |
| | 1586 | " 24 | Judicial jurisdiction. Japan applies for surrender to Japanese court of a Japanese subject serving on board U.S.S. "Ashuelot." Mr. Bingham declines application on ground that seamen on board U.S. vessels are justiciable only in Consular Courts but as an act of comity requests commander of the "Ashuelot" to discharge the Japanese subject in question from service of U.S. | 11/17 |
| | 1587 | " 24 | Mail pouches. Transmits 6 empty ones to Dept. | 11/17 |
| S. R. Frazier, Interpreter. | — | " 25 | Account. | 11/17 |
| D. W. Stevens, Secy of Legn. | — | " 26 | Account. | |
| John A. Bingham | 1588 | Nov. 13 | Trade Report of Japan for Sept. 1882, transmitted. | 12/14 |
| | 1589 | " 13 | 688-690 received. | 12/14 |
| | 1590 | " 13 | Hakodate. Recognition of L. W. Squier as Cons. Agt. at, applied for. | 12/14 |
| | 1591 | " 13 | Corean envoys to Japan. Courtesies shown them by Mr. Bingham. Their govt. greatly desires ratification by Senate of Conn. Shufeldt's treaty. | 12/14 |
| | 1592 | " 14 | Corea. Japan expresses apprehension of designs on part of China agt. autonomy of Corea. Mr. Bingham endeavors to allay such apprehension, stating that China is absolutely concluded upon question of Corea's autonomy. Chinese Min says it is not the purpose of his govt. to interfere with foreign relations of Corea. Mr. Bingham does not regard China's intervention in Corea as abridging latter's title to be regarded by other Powers as a sovereign State. Both China & Japan desire that Conn Shufeldt's treaty be ratified. | 12/26 |
| | 1593 | " 27 | 691-693 & 696 received. Nos. 694 & 695 not received. | 12/26 |
| | 1594 | " 27 | Corea & Japan. Trade between, for past five years. Report of, enclosed. | 12/26 |
| | 1595 | " 29 | Corea. Supplemental treaty with Japan respecting open ports and travel in the interior of Corea enclosed. Indemnity for recent outrages upon Japanese in Corea has been either remitted or its payment allowed to be deferred for some years. | 12/26 |
| | 1596 | " 29 | Corean envoys to Japan. Interview of Mr. Bingham with. They expressed anxiety for early ratification by U.S. of Commodore Shufeldt's treaty. They asked whether U.S. regarded Corea not autonomous because of China's intervention during recent insurrection. Mr. Bingham answered that it did not. Corea regards policy of Europe in the case of any act of oppression and that of the U.S. liberal. | 12/26 |
| | 1597 | " 29 | Postal convention bet. Japan & U.S. providing for a closed mail service for diplomatic & consular correspondence. Japan's draft enclosed for consideration. It does not provide for freedom from postage. Mr. Bingham thinks convention should contain such provision. | 12/26 |
| | 1598 | " 29 | Corea. China has recently concluded a commercial treaty with. Copy of it will be sent by next mail. | 12/26 |
| | 1599 | " 29 | Outrage upon American vessel 'Diana' by inhabitants of Copper Island. Newspaper account of, headed "a Russian outrage", enclosed. Mr. Bingham seems to suspect that it was inspired by Consul-Gnl Van Buren and suggests that enquiry be made as to foundation for certain expressions in it. Hopes to be able to transmit Japan's report upon the 'Diana' case by next mail. | 12/26 |

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| John A. Bingham | 1600 | Nov. 20 | Corea. Customs service of. Gt Britain & Germany seeking to have subjects of theirs placed in charge of it. Probable that Gt Britain & Germany will soon ratify treaties concluded with Corea. France is about to renew efforts for a treaty, & is willing to waive her former demands respecting opium & missionaries. | 12/26 |
| " | 1601 | Dec. 4 | 694, 695, 697, 698 & circ. of Oct. 28 received. No. 696 not yet received. | 1/6 |
| " | 1602 | " 4 | 694 & 695 reported in his 1693 as not then received, came to hand on 2d inst. | 1/6 |
| " | 1603 | " 6 | Postal Affairs of Japan. Report for 1881, enclosed. Good showing for Japan. | 1/6 |
| " | 1604 | " 7 | Blank forms received. | 1/6 |
| " | 1605 | " 7 | Judicial. Conditions required by British Consular Courts for prosecution of suits by Americans. Copy of Legn's instruction to Consul at Osaka which was requested in Dept.'s 698, enclosed. | 1/6 |
| " | 1606 | " 7 | Financial information furnished for Treasury. | 1/6 |
| " | 1607 | " 8 | Ceremonial letter. Delivery of, reported. | 1/6 |
| " | 1608 | " 8 | Meridian & Time Standard Congress to be held at Washn. Extension of invitation to Japan, reported. | 1/6 |
| " | 1609 | " 21 | 700-702 received. | 1/15 |
| " | 1610 | " 21 | Stationary received. | 1/15 |
| " | 1611 | " 21 | Iinomoeki Indemnity. Newspaper article charging that Japan appld. Mr Stevens Secy of Legn at Washn. for the purpose of having him lobby for passage of bill for refund of. Refutes the charge. | 1/15 |
| Samuel R. Frazier, Interpreter | — | " 31 | Account. | 2/7 |
| John A. Bingham | 1612 | Jany 10 1883 | Resignation of Mr Frazier as Interpreter of Legation to take effect March 31. | 2/7 |
| " | 1613 | " 10 | Trade Report of Japan for October 1882, enclosed. | 2/7 |
| " | 1614 | " 11 | Rent of Legation premises. Proposed new law in regard to extraterritorial judicial proceedings would deprive legation of benefits of present arrangement for rent. Suggests amendment. | 2/7 |
| " | 1615 | " 11 | 703 & 704 received. | 2/7 |
| " | 1616 | " 11 | Accounts. | 2/7 |
| " | 1617 | " 12 | Passport return for 1882. | 2/7 |
| " | 1618 | " 12 | Corea. Commodore Shufeldt's treaty with. Is advised by For. Office of approval of, by US Senate. Congratulations. British treaty has been referred to Chambers of Commerce at Shanghai and Yokohama for expression of views. | 2/7 |
| " | 1619 | " 12 | New Year's Reception of the Emperor | 2/7 |
| " | 1620 | " 12 | Corea & China. Commercial treaty between, enclosed. It implies recognition by China of sovereignty of Corea. Japan intends to demand from Corea the same commercial privileges accorded to China and believes US is entitled to make similar demand. | 2/7 |
| " | 1621 | " 19 | Trade Report of Japan for November 1882, enclosed. | 2/23 |
| " | 1622 | " 20 | Accounts (Duplicates). | 2/23 |
| " | 1623 | " 21 | Policy of US towards Japan & Corea. British newspaper article commending same & contrasting it favorably with repressive policy of Gt Britain; enclosed. Mr Bingham gratified by it. | 2/23 |
| " | 1624 | " 21 | Warehouses (Governmental) at Ebisumimato having become dilapidated, Japan proposes to pull them down & make other provision for storage thereof. Majority of the Dip. Reps. assent. Those of Gt Britain France & Germany object. British Min. raises enquiry as to whether the convention covering this storage question has not been violated by Japan in the matter of leases. Majority of the Dip. Reps. decide negatively. Gratified that five European nations no longer follow the lead of England in oppressing Japan. | 2/23 |
| " | 1625 | " 25 | Interpreter of Legation. Recommends appointt. of Dr Willis N. Whitney as. | 2/23 |
| R. Frazier, Interpreter. | — | Feb 5 | Account (Duplicate). | 3/7 |
| John A. Bingham | 1626 | " 9 | Trade Report of Japan for December 1882, enclosed. | 3/16 |
| " | 1627 | " 9 | Meteorological reports transmitted. | 3/16 |
| " | 1628 | " 9 | 705 & 706 received. | 3/16 |
| " | 1629 | " 13 | Visit of Prince Arisugawa to the US. Reports expressions of gratification by the Prince. | 3/16 |
| " | 1630 | " 13 | Corea. British Min. has informed Japan that US will not ratify Commodore Shufeldt's treaty. Japan surprised & says that British Min. often pretends to represent views of the US. Mr Bingham tells Japan that he has no information as to non-ratification or as to British Min.'s authority for his statement to Japan. British govt. accordingly anxious for US. to reject the treaty owing to its anti-opium clause. | 3/16 |
| " | 1631 | " 13 | Revision of Japan's commercial treaties. British newspaper articles denouncing the US., Japan, and Mr Bingham, and condemning the liberal policy of the US in the East, enclosed with comments. | 3/16 |
| " | 1632 | " 14 | Revision of Japan's commercial treaties and treaty with Corea. Admin report of British Chamber of | 3/16 |

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| John A. Bingham | 1633 | Feb. 14 | Interpreter of Legation. Renews recommendation for apptmt. of W. N. Whitney as. He is well qualified. | 3/16 |
| | 1634 | " 15 | Extraterritoriality laws of U.S. Proposed revision of. Efforts of George W. Hill, a lawyer in Japan, and Consul Genl Van Buren for such revision. Published letter of Mr Hill setting forth same enclosed with adverse comments. Mr Bingham attributes mercenary motives to Mr Hill & Mr Van Buren. | 3/16 |
| | 1635 | " 16 | Accounts. Vouchers requested in Dept.'s 705 transmitted. | 3/16 |
| | 1636 | " 16 | Accounts. Voucher which should have accompanied his 1616, transmitted. | 3/16 |
| | 1637 | " 16 | Rescue of South Pacific Islanders at sea by American vessel "Northern Light." Report of. Subsequent care of the rescued. | 3/16 |
| Gustavus Goward Sect of Leg | — | " 14 | Personal Instructions received. Oath & letter of credit, enclosed. | 3/17 |
| | — | " 14 | Departure for post. Will sail as soon as possible. Cannot take steamer of 22d. inst. from San Francisco. | 3/17 |
| | — | Mar. 6 | Account for compensation while receiving instructions | |
| | — | " 6 | Sails for post from San Francisco this day. | |
| John A. Bingham | 1638 | " 6 | 707-709 & circular of Jany. 25, received. | 4/2 |
| | 1639 | " 6 | Boston Exhibition project. Has brought same to attention of Japanese govt. | 4/2 |
| | 1640 | " 6 | Revision of Japan's commercial treaties. Mr Bingham has informed Japan that U.S. assents to such revision upon basis proposed by Japan. Consequent gratification of Japan. Mr Bingham of opinion that it is competent for U.S. to negotiate new treaties with Japan without cooperation of other govts. Reply to 707. | 4/2 |
| | 1641 | " 6 | Statutes & Biennial Register received. | 4/2 |
| | 1642 | " 7 | Kerosene. Order of Japanese govt. imposing restriction on importation of. Protest of Mr Bingham. | |
| | 1643 | " 7 | Lighthouses, buoys beacons &c on coasts of Japan. List of, enclosed. | 4/2 |
| | 1644 | " 8 | Loss of U.S.S. "Ashuelot" and eleven of her crew near Amoy, reported. Deprecates the unworthy character of our naval vessels. | 4/2 |
| | 1645 | " 8 | Kerosene. Order of Japanese govt. imposing restriction on importation of. For. Office has asked Emperor to suspend same. Mr Bingham believes it will be suspended and ultimately abolished. At request of For. Office the correspondence in this case has been made unofficial. | 4/2 |
| | 1646 | " 21 | Meridian & Time Standard Congress. Japan will take part in. | 4/23 |
| | 1647 | " 21 | Kerosene. Order of Japanese govt. imposing restriction on importation of. Enforcement of, has been suspended, and will probably be abandoned. Refers to 1642. | 4/23 |
| | 1648 | " 21 | Boston Exhibition. Japan contemplates being represented. She desires a copy of the circular of the Exhibition Commission. Legn. has not received copies of the circular. | 4/23 |
| | 1649 | " 21 | Marine notice, enclosed. | 4/23 |
| | 1650 | " 21 | Despatch bags, returned. | 4/23 |
| | 1651 | " 21 | Rent of Legation premises. Payment of, reported. Advice of draft. | 4/23 |
| Samuel R. Frazier, Interpreter | — | " 31 | Account. | 5/5 |
| John A. Bingham | — | " 31 | Account (Duplicate) | 5/24 |
| | 1652 | Apl. 2 | 710-712 received. | 5/5 |
| | 1653 | " 2 | Interpreter. Delivery to Mr Frazier of Dept.'s letter accepting his resignation as, reported. | 5/5 |
| | 1654 | " 2 | Boston Exhibition circular received & sent to Japanese govt. | 5/5 |
| | 1655 | " 3 | Interpreter. Repeats recommendation of Willis N. Whitney for apptmt. as. Reply to 712. | 5/5 |
| | 1656 | " 4 | 713-716 received. | 5/5 |
| | 1657 | " 4 | Secretary of Legation. Arrival of Gustavus Goward, announced. | 5/5 |
| | 1658 | " 4 | Outrage upon crew of Amer. vessel "Diana". Note from For. Office requesting that U.S. present to Russia claim for injuries done Japanese members of the crew, enclosed with explanatory documents. | 5/5 |
| | 1659 | " 4 | Cipher of Dept. Receipt for, enclosed. | 5/5 |
| | 1660 | " 4 | Accounts. | 5/5 |
| Gustavus Goward Sect. of Leg | — | " 5 | Arrived at post on 4th inst. Despatches & packages with which he was entrusted, delivered to Minister. | 5/5 |
| John A. Bingham | 1661 | " 14 | Accounts (Duplicates). | 5/24 |
| | 1662 | " 14 | Transit of Venus observers from U.S., Edwin Smith & H.S. Brickett. Arrival of in Japan. Courtesies extended them. | 5/24 |
| | 1663 | " 14 | 717-719 received. | 5/24 |
| | 1664 | " 14 | Corea. Ratification of Com. Shufeldt's treaty and apptmt. of Minister to, by U.S. gives great satisfaction to Japan. She regards our action as a mark of friendship to her and as evidence of our policy of good will towards eastern nations. Mr Bingham assures her that her views are correct. | 5/24 |
| | 1665 | " 17 | Cipher of Dept. Duplicate of receipt for, enclosed. | 5/24 |
| | 1666 | " 17 | Interpreter of Legation. No better person than Mr Whitney can be obtained for the position. He does not however thoroughly understand Japanese, neither does any other foreigner. Reply to 717. | |
| | 1667 | " 17 | Kerosene. Note to For. Office re pressing thanks for suspension of order imposing restrictions upon importation of, and urging that Japan adopt 115° Fahrenheit as standard test for Kerosene, sold. | 5/24 |

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| John A. Bingham | 1668 | Apl. 17 | Surgeon & Instructor at Japanese government hospital, Yokohama. Apptmt. of Dr. Stewart Eldridge a US citizen as, upon recommendation of Mr. Bingham, reported. | 5/24 |
| | 1669 | " 18 | Trade Report of Japan for 1882, enclosed. | 5/24 |
| | 1670 | " 20 | 720-727 circ. of Feby. 21, received. | 5/24 |
| | 1671 | " 20 | Simonoseki Indemnity. Refund of, to Japan. Note to For. Office expressing readiness to pay over $785000 for & stating the hope that it will be accepted as an evidence of our friendship for Japan, enclosed. | 5/24 |
| | 1672 | " 20 | Mail for Legn. Urges that important instructions be sent him in closed pouches not in the open mail. Dept's telegram of Mar. 10, not received. Draft in refund of Simonoseki indemnity came in open mail. | 5/24 |
| | 1673 | " 20 | Corea. Arrival at Yokohama of US. Minister. Every courtesy and all possible aid will be extended him by Mr. Bingham. Recommends that a naval vessel of the US. be stationed in Corean waters. | 5/24 |
| | 1674 | May 8 | Interpreter of Legation. Entrance of Willis R. Whitney upon duty as, reported. | 6/7 |
| | 1675 | " 8 | Trade reports of Japan transmitted. | 6/7 |
| | 1676 | " 8 | Meteorological reports of Japan transmitted. | 6/7 |
| Gustavus Goward Sec. of Legn | — | " 9 | Corean treaty. Delivery of ratified copy of, to Mr. Bingham, reported. | 6/7 |
| John A. Bingham | 1677 | " 9 | Simonoseki Indemnity. Delivery to Japanese govt. of Treasury Draft in refund of, reported. Correspondence enclosed. | 6/7 |
| | 1678 | " 9 | Corean treaty. Receipt from Mr. Goward and delivery to Minister Foote of ratified copy of, reported. Copy of Minister Foote's instructions, & of President's reply to letter from King of Corea, received | 6/7 |
| | 1679 | " 10 | Eastern policy of the US. Malicious adverse criticism of, by British newspaper for the purpose of preventing exchange of ratifications of Corean treaty, reported. | 6/7 |
| | 1680 | " 11 | Corea. Courtesies extended US. Minister Foote. Conversations with Emperor of Japan and Chinese Minister. Emperor requests Mr. Foote to exercise his good offices in Corea to prevent rupture between China & Japan. Mr. Foote informed Chinese Minister that US. regarded Corea in her international relations as independent and that with respect to relations between her & China, US. had no desire to interfere. Chinese Minister expressed satisfaction and said that Corea was sovereign, independent. Chinese Minister was told by Mr. Foote that the Senate had not changed the treaty, and Mr. Bingham recommended that nothing be allowed to prevent exchange of ratifications. | 6/7 |
| | 1681 | " 14 | Meridian & Time Standard Congress at Wash. Mr. Kikuchi has been appointed to represent Japan. Early information as to date of meeting of the Congress, requested. | 6/7 |
| | 1682 | " 26 | Sanitary Conference Report. Copies of, received & distributed. Nos. 729-733 & circ. of Apl. 12, received. | 6/25 |
| | 1683 | " 28 | Trade Report transmitted. | 6/25 |
| | 1684 | " 28 | Report of Postmaster-Genl of Japan transmitted. | 6/25 |
| | 1685 | " 29 | Revision of treaties. Oppressive policy of Gt Britain towards Japan in the matter. Newspaper article enclosed. | 6/25 |
| | 1686 | " 29 | Corea. Interview of Mr. Foote & Mr. Bingham with the Emperor of Japan. Enos report of, containing exact account of Emperor's expressions. Emperor is very averse to war. | 6/25 |
| | 1687 | " 29 | Corea. Exchange of ratifications of treaty of US. with. Note from For. Office reporting same enclosed. Gratification of Mr. Bingham. Strenuous efforts & misrepresentations made by Gt Britain to prevent the exchange. | 6/25 |
| | 1688 | " 30 | Corea. Newspaper article stating that Gt. Britain & Germany have postponed ratification of their treaties with Corea for one year enclosed with comments. | 6/25 |
| | 1689 | " 30 | Newspapers for Legation. Designation of. | 6/25 |
| | 1690 | June 8 | 734 & 735 received. | 7/6 |
| | 1691 | " 8 | Documents of Japan transmitted. | 7/6 |
| | 1692 | " 9 | Despatch bag. Reports having cut straps of, because he had no Key which fitted the lock. | 7/6 |
| | 1693 | " 11 | Trade Report for April 1883, transmitted. | 7/6 |
| | 1694 | " 11 | Stationery requested. | 7/6 |
| | 1695 | " 15 | Liu Chewan question. Does not concur in opinion of Legation at Peking as to best mode of settlement of. China should reopen negotiations on the basis of the convention of 1880. Reply to 721. | 7/6 |
| | 1696 | " 11 | Claim of J. M. Batchelder vs Japan. Officers of Japanese govt are favorably disposed towards making payment in US. gold. Question is before Council of Ministers for decision. Favorable decision expected. | 7/6 |
| | [illegible] | " 16 | Claim of J. M. Batchelder. Japan will pay it in gold. | |
| | 1697 | " 19 | Claims of J. M. Batchelder & H. Fogg & Co. Japan pays them in US. gold. | 7/16 |
| | 1698 | " 19 | 736 received. | 7/16 |

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| John A. Bingham | 1699 | June 19 | Marine notices enclosed. | 7/16 |
| | 1700 | " 19 | Revision of Japan's commercial treaties. Permission to accept for his personal use a copy of proceedings of Conference at Tokio, which has been presented to him by For. Office, requested. Dept. has a copy and Legn. has a copy. | 7/16 |
| | 1701 | " 21 | Trade Report for April last, enclosed. | 7/16 |
| Willis N. Whitney, Interpreter | — | July 2 | Account. | 7/20 |
| John A. Bingham | 1702 | " 2 | Claim of N. Fogg & Co. vs. Japan growing out of sale of the bark "Valetta". Payment of, reported. | 7/20 |
| | 1703 | " 2 | Interpreter of Legation. Steps taken to enable Mr. Whitney to obtain compensation as. Asks whether letter of credit has been sent to London Bankers. Question as to when Mr. Whitney's salary begins. | 7/20 |
| | 1704 | " 3 | Claim of Capt. Wm. R. Brown of the "Wilmington" vs. Japan for inhospitable treatment at Simoda. Mr. Bingham is seeking a favorable opportunity to present it for reconsideration. | 7/30 |
| | 1705 | " 3 | British Minister to Japan, Sir Harry S. Parkes. Transfer of, to China. Newspaper articles rel. to, enclosed. Harsh policy of Gt. Britain towards China will be amply executed by Sir Harry. | 7/20 |
| | 1706 | " 3 | Meteorological Reports transmitted. | 7/30 |
| | 1707 | " 5 | Accounts. | 7/30 |
| | 1708 | " 5 | 737-740 received. | 7/30 |
| Gustavus Goward, Secy. | — | " 5 | Accounts. | 7/30 |
| — | — | " 5 | Leave of absence requested. | 7/30 |
| John A. Bingham | 1709 | " 9 | Trade Report of Japan for May 1883, transmitted. | 8/13 |
| | 1710 | " 9 | Accounts (Duplicate). | 8/13 |
| | 1711 | " 9 | Bamboo. Information as to cultivation of, and seeds received from S. Tenda transmitted for Commr. of Agriculture | 8/13 |
| | 1712 | " 10 | Gt. Britain. Aggressive policy of, towards China. Published letter commendatory of Sir Harry Parkes recently appted British Min. to China, enclosed. | 8/13 |
| | 1713 | " 17 | Boston Exhibition. Upon recommendation of Mr. Bingham, Louis Wirtheimber has been appted assistant manager for Japan at said Exhibition. | 8/13 |
| | 1714 | " 19 | 741-743 received. | 8/13 |
| | 1715 | " 19 | Boston Exhibition. Note from For. Office requesting certain communities for Japanese exhibits, sent. | 8/13 |
| Gustavus Goward | — | " 19 | Instruction of June 9, received. | 8/13 |
| — | — | " 19 | Account for expenses as bearer of despatches. | 8/13 |
| John A. Bingham | 1716 | " 20 | Death of Iwakura Tomomi a distinguished statesman of Japan. His obsequies. Emperor's esteem for him. His history. | 8/29 |
| | 1717 | " 20 | Corean Embassy en route to the U.S. Special attentions to the Ambassadors suggested. Mr. Bingham will advise Dept. by telegraph of date of their departure from Yokohama for San Francisco. Letter from Minister Foote enclosed. | 8/29 |
| | 1718 | " 21 | Meteorological Reports of Japan, transmitted. | 8/29 |
| | 1719 | " 21 | 744-751 received. | 8/29 |
| | 1720 | Aug. 3 | Corean Embassy to the U.S. sails on the 18th inst. for San Francisco. Upon recommendation of Mr. Bingham, Mr. Peyton Jaundon has been appted. Foreign secretary of the Embassy. In view of this appointt. it will not be necessary for Dept. to send a special messenger to San Francisco to meet the Ambassadors. | 8/29 |
| | 1721 | " 23 | Trade report for June. transmitted | 9/24 |
| | 1722 | " 23 | Stationery received | 9/24 |
| | 1723 | " 24 | Estate of J. M. Batchelders deceased. Has declined to give certain information to the Consul General as it can in no way aid in the settlement of the estate | 9/24 |
| | 1724 | " 27 | 752-758 received | 9/24 |
| | 1725 | " 27 | Claim of Capt. W. R. Brown of ship "Wilmington" vs Japan. Interview with minister for Foreign Affairs. Mr. Bingham promises to give him a restatement of the case in writing | 9/24 |
| | 1726 | " 27 | Revision of the treaty conference. Thanks for permission to retain the copy presented to him by Japan | 9/24 |
| | 1727 | " 27 | Absence of the minister from Tokei reported | 9/24 |
| | 1728 | " 27 | Corean Embassy to the U.S. states that Percival Lowell has been appointed Foreign Secretary to the Embassy vice Peyton Jaundon who declined | 9/24 |
| | 1729 | " 27 | Medical laws & regulations of Japan. Will apply for a collection of | 9/24 |
| | 1730 | " 27 | Kerosene oil. Minister for Foreign Affairs says that the standard burning test will be soon be satisfactorily established | 9/24 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| John A. Bingham. | 1731 | Aug 28 | Revision of the commercial treaties of Japan. Japan will not agree to a revised commercial treaty with any country without a terminal qualification Repts to 749 | |
| | 1733 | " 30 | Departure of Sir Harry S. Parkes for his new post in China. Mr Bingham has now become Envoy | 9/27 |
| | 1732 | " 30 | Death by accident of Lieut. Boutwell Sayes. U.S. Navy reported | 9/27 |
| | 1734 | " 30 | Quarantine established by Japan against Swatow. Encs. correspondence with Consul General respecting the method of publishing the decree | 9/27 |
| | 1735 | " 31 | Meteorological report of Japan transmitted | 9/27 |
| | 1736 | Sept 6 | Corean Embassy. their departure for the United States reported | 10/1 |
| | Tel | " | Corean Envoy sailed for U.S. in the "Arabic". | |
| | 1737 | " 6 | 759-761 received | 10/1 |
| | 1738 | " 6 | France & China. Difficulty between growing out the former occupation of Annam Encl treaty of peace between France & Annam, as reported by the French Ministers in China | 10/1 |
| | 1739 | " 7 | Tea produced annually in Japan. Report on enclosed | 10/1 |
| D.W. Stevens. | — | " 8 | Secretary in charge. Inc. | |
| John A. Bingham | 1740 | " 19 | Trade Report of Japan for July 1883, enclosed. | 10/30 |
| | 1741 | " 20 | Seizure of British vessel "Otome" by an American owned vessel, the "Alexander," flying the Russian flag. Cause of seizure was violation of Russian fishing regulations. Protest of master of the "Otome", enclosed. | 10/30 |
| | 1742 | " 20 | Revision of Japan's commercial. Newspaper article copied from "the Times", deprecating continued opposition of Gt. Britain to treaty-revision, enclosed. | 10/30 |
| | 1743 | " 20 | Postage stamps of Japan. Specimens of, transmitted for John N. Coyne to be placed under the corner stone of the Garfield monument. | 10/30 |
| | 1744 | " 20 | Corea. Negotiations of, for a loan, in the U.S. Account of. Correspondence with Minister Foote, enclosed. Readiness of Mr. Bingham to facilitate the negotiation. | 10/30 |
| | 1745 | " 21 | Stationery requested. | 10/30 |
| Gustavus Goward Secy Legn. | — | " 26 | Accounts. Draft for expenses as Bearer of dispatches to Corea. | 2/3 |
| John A. Bingham | 1746 | " 27 | 762-766 a circ of Aug. 20, received. | 10/30 |
| | 1747 | Oct. 3 | Death of Ex-Secretary of State, Jeremiah S. Black, reported. Flag of Legn. displayed at half mast for 10 days | 10/30 |
| | 1748 | " 3 | Boston Exhibition. Has informed Japan that application for exemption of her exhibits from payment of certain dues, came too late. Reply to 762. | 10/30 |
| | 1749 | " 3 | Municipal govt. Establishment of, by foreigners at Kanagawa. Reply of Govr. of Kanagawa to petition for such establishment, enclosed. It shows that there is no necessity for such establishment. Mr. Bingham disapproves the project. Refers to correspondence some years ago in regard to similar project, set on foot by British Agents, at Nagasaki. | 10/30 |
| | 1750 | " 3 | Audience granted by Emperor to Admiral Crosby & staff, & officers of the Legation. Account of. | 10/30 |
| | 1751 | " 3 | Meteorological Reports of Japan; transmitted. | 10/30 |
| | 1752 | " 3 | Departure of Mr. Goward, Secy of Legn., from post on leave, announced. He has gone to Corea. | 10/30 |
| | 1753 | " 3 | Blank forms requested. | 10/30 |
| | 1754 | " 4 | Accounts. | 10/30 |
| | 1755 | " 4 | Passport return for quarter ended Sep. 30, 1883. | 10/30 |
| | 1756 | " 5 | 766-767 received. | 10/30 |
| Willis N. Whitney, Interpreter | — | " 5 | Account. | 10/30 |
| | — | " 15 | Account (Duplicate). | 11/16 |
| John A. Bingham | 1757 | " 15 | Accounts (Duplicates) | 11/16 |
| | 1758 | " 17 | Meteorological Reports of Japan, transmitted | 11/16 |
| | 1759 | " 17 | Record Book requested. | 11/16 |
| | 1760 | " 18 | Marine notices enclosed | 11/16 |
| | 1761 | " 18 | Audience granted by Emperor to Commander C. J. Cotton USN. Report of. Exchange of friendly expressions | 11/16 |
| | 1762 | " 18 | Prison statistics of Japan transmitted for Dr. T.M. Peters of Newfork with request for information as to prison system of Newfork. | 11/16 |
| | 1763 | " 18 | Corea. Limits within which Japanese may visit & reside in. Agreement bet Japan & Corea defining same, enclosed | 11/16 |
| | 1764 | " 19 | 768 received. | |
| | 1765 | " 19 | Thanks of Japan for courtesies extended by U.S. Minister at Santiago to Capt Ito of the Japanese Navy | 11/16 |
| | 1766 | " 19 | British newspaper article maliciously and upon false premises aiming to cause war between China & Japan, enclosed | 11/16 |
| | 1767 | " 20 | Quarantine established last August by Japan against Swatow. Discontinuance of, reported. | 11/16 |
| | 1768 | " 31 | Trade Report of Japan for August 1883, enclosed. | 12/1 |
| | 1769 | Nov. 1 | 769-771, received. | 12/1 |

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| John A. Bingham | 1770 | Nov. 2 | Lands & buildings beyond limits of foreign settlement at Yokohama. Consular Board requests that Dip Corps apply for permission for foreigners to lease same. Dip. Corps regards such application as neither proper nor needful. | 12/1. |
| | 1771 | " 2 | Kerosene Oil. Report of Home Department submitted to Mr. Bingham, recommending that standard burning test be fixed at 133° Fahrenheit, and reply of Mr. Bingham arguing that such a standard would be too high, inclosed. | 12/1. |
| | 1772 | " 3 | Meteorological Reports of Japan, transmitted. | 12/1. |
| | 1773 | " 21 | Trade Report of Japan for Sept. 1883, transmitted. | 1/9 |
| | 1774 | " 22 | New Orleans Exhibition of 1884. Invitation extended to Japan. No. 772, 773, & circ. of Oct. 6, received. | 1/9 |
| | 1775 | Dec. 3 | Corea & Japan. Trade Regulations & Tariff convention between, inclosed. Attention called to provisions regarding Kerosene oil & opium. | 1/9 |
| | 1776 | " 3 | 'Foreign Relations' for 1882. Copies of, requested. | 1/9 |
| | 1777 | " 4 | 774-779, stationery, blank books, & Vol. I of 10th Census Report, received. | 1/9 |
| | 1778 | " 5 | Municipality (Foreign) at Yokohama. Mr. Gay & others request to be recognized by local authorities as representatives of. Local authorities decline. Mr. Gay appeals to Dip. Corps to procure from the govt. at Tokio such recognition. Dip. Corps declines to do so. | 1/9 |
| | 1779 | " 7 | Municipality (Foreign) at Yokohama. Desire of Mr. Gay & others to be recognized as representatives of. Letter from Consul Gen. Van Buren stating that Consular Board has not yet come to any determination regarding such recognition, inclosed. Mr. Bingham thinks that the matter is not within control of the Consuls & that they have no right to recognize. | 1/9 |
| | 1780 | " 7 | Return of Mr. Goward to post, reported. | 1/9 |
| | 1781 | " 7 | Death of Junior Prime Minister Iwakura. Thanks of Japan for our expressions of condolence. | 1/9 |
| | 1782 | " 7 | Explosives (Gunpowder &c). Japanese regulations for storage of, inclosed. Dip. Corps has requested that the regulations be made universal in their application & more explicit, & that storage charges be reduced. | 1/9 |
| | 1783 | " 8 | Hakodate. Japan requests that a consular officer with judicial authority be appted. at. Mr. Bingham replies stating that Dept deems such appt. inadvisable. | 1/9 |
| Gustavus Goward Sec. of Legn. John A. Bingham | 1784 | " 8 | Diplomatic service of Japan. Information rel. to, furnished. Reply to circ. of July 25. | 1/9 |
| | — | " 8 | Account. | 2/2 |
| | 1785 | " 10 | Meteorological Reports, transmitted. | 1/9 |
| | 1786 | " 11 | Corea. Mr. Foote reports that unobjectionable treaties have been concluded with, by Gt. Britain & Germany | 1/9. |
| Gustavus Goward Sec. of Legn John A. Bingham | — | " 12 | Despatches received by him from Corean govt. for transmission to Corean Ambassador, Min Yong Ik, inclosed. | 1/9 |
| | 1787 | " 20 | Trade Report of Japan for Oct. 1883, transmitted. | 1/16 |
| | 1788 | " 19 | Corea. Copy of British treaty with, inclosed. Comments. Gt. Britain enabled by it to prosecute her opium trade in Corea. | 1/16 |
| | 1789 | " 21 | Mint of Japan. Report of Commissioner of, inclosed. | 1/16 |
| | 1790 | " 21 | Hygiene & medicine. Japanese documents rel. to, transmitted. Reply to 767. | 1/16 |
| | 1791 | " 22 | Legation premises. Renewal of lease of, for two years, reported. Duplicate of lease, inclosed. | 1/16 |
| Gustavus Goward Sec. of Legn | — | " 25 | Visit of Mr Goward to Corea. Will prepare a report on the country if desired. Was tendered and declined a high official position by Corean govt. As American in such position would be of service to Am. interests. | 2/2 |
| | — | " 31 | Account. | 2/2 |
| Willis A. Whitney. Interpreter. | — | " 31 | Account for salary & advices of draft. | 2/12 |
| John A. Bingham | 1792 | 1884 Jan 7 | Meteorological reports transmitted. | 2/12 |
| | 1793 | " 11 | Bonds to be issued by Japan for construction of a railway bet. Takasaki & Ogaki. Decrees relating to same. | 2/12 |
| | 1794 | " 11 | Treaties between Japan & Great Britain & her European allies. Refusal to revise same which were obtained by force in 1866. Japanese newspaper article enc'd. | 2/12 |
| | 1795 | " 11 | Document on 'Earthquake measurements' transmitted. | 2/12 |
| | 1796 | " 12 | Document on 'Missionary Health' enc. | 2/12 |
| | 1797 | " 15 | 780-788 & circular of Dec 1 rec'd. | 2/12 |
| | 1798 | " 16 | Report on Foreign Trade of Japan enc. | 2/12 |
| | 1799 | " 16 | Meridian prosper & Time Standard Congress to be held in Washington in 1884. Has brought Dept's circular conveying invitation to, to notice of Japanese govt. | 2/12 |
| | 1800 | " 16 | Record book has been rec'd from Dept. | 2/12 |
| | 1801 | " 16 | Message of the President to 1st Sess. 48 Cong. transmitted to him has been sent to Japanese Govt. Note to Min For Affs enc. calling attention to parts of message wh. relate to Japanese tariff & judiciary. | 2/12 |
| | 1802 | " 17 | Passport return for 4th quarter 1883. | 2/12 |
| | 1803 | " 17 | Seeds of Japan requested at instance of Hon Mr. Morey M.C. transmitted. Correspondence with Min For Affs enc. | 2/12 |
| | 1804 | " 17 | Account for salary & Contingencies. Advices of draft. | 2/12 |
| | 1805 | " 21 | Account for salary & contingencies (duplicate) | 2/2 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| John A. Bingham | 1806 | Jan 31 | Weather reports for Jan'y 84 enc. | 2/21 |
| W. A. Whitney, Interpreter. | — | " 31 | Account for salary (duplicate) | 2/21 |
| John A. Bingham | 1807 | Feb 19 | Explosives. Japanese regulations for storage of. Min. For. Affs. has agreed to modify Art. II of at representation of diplomatic corps. Correspondence enc. Refers to his 1782 | 2/21 |
| | 1808 | " 19 | Tea (Japanese) Annual production of. Pamphlet on by Asiatic Society of Japan enc. Refers to his 1739 | 2/21 |
| | 1809 | " 20 | Great Britain + Japan. Revision of Treaty between. Memorandum of Earl Granville given, offering revision on condition of certain concessions by Japan. Comments on its hard conditions. Refers to Dep'ts 749 | 2/21 |
| | 1810 | " 21 | Treaty revision with Japan. Newspaper article on mention of in Post's resume enc. with comments. | 2/21 |
| | 1811 | " 21 | Conscription Regulations of Japan + statutes relating to army enc. Refers to his 1010. | 2/21 |
| | 1812 | " 22 | China + Japan. Treaty of 1871 between. Recent translation of enc. | 2/21 |
| | 1813 | " 23 | Trade Reports of Japan for Dec 1883 enc. | 2/21 |
| | 1814 | " 25 | Treaty Revision with Japan. Germany has replied favorably to prohibition of Japan to establish court having jurisdiction over foreigners. Japan has rejected Ld. Granville's memorandum referred to in his 1809. | 2/21 |
| | 1815 | " 25 | Marine notices enc. | 2/21 |
| | 1816 | " 25 | Meridian + Time standard Congress to be held at Washington in Oct 1884. Japan has appointed Prof. Kikuchi as its delegate to. | 2/21 |
| | 1817 | " 25 | 789-796 + circulars of Dec 12 + Jan 4 rec'd. | 2/21 |
| | 1818 | " 26 | Publication as "Public Service of State of N.Y." not received. Refers to Dep't's separate of Dec 12 83. | 2/21 |
| | 1819 | " 26 | Hakodadi. Request of Japan to have Consular Agency at, reestablished, as judicial tribunals have been fixed there. | 2/21 |
| | 1820 | " 26 | Thanks of Dep't for information as diplomatic service of Japan has been sent to Foreign Office. | 2/21 |
| | 1821 | " 26 | Seeds (ginseng) Hopes these sent with his 1803 arrived safely. Will send others when rec'd. | 2/21 |
| | 1822 | " 26 | Thanks for volumes of Foreign Relations sent with Dep't's 789. | 2/21 |
| | 1823 | " 26 | Expedition of Com. Perry to Japan. Report of. Requests copy for Legn library. | 2/21 |
| | 1824 | " 26 | Census (10th U.S.) 2d volume of final reports sent by Interior have not been rec'd. | 2/21 |
| | 1825 | " 26 | Stamp tax on legal documents to take effect Apr 1st. Regulations in regard to enc. | 2/21 |
| | 1826 | " 27 | Claim of Capt W. R. Browne of the "Wilmington" for inhospitable treatment at hands of Japanese officials at Simoda in 1855. Reports his action. Correspondence with Min. For. Affs. enc. | 2/21 |
| | 1827 | " 29 | Weather Reports for Feb. 1884 enc. | 2/21 |
| Gustavus Goward, Sec. Legn. | — | Mar 19 | Regrets delay in transmitting duplicate account as bearer of dispatches. Refers to Dep't's instruction of 5 ult. | 4/28 |
| John A. Bingham | 1828 | " 21 | 797-803 + circ of Jan 28 rec'd. | 4/28 |
| | 1829 | " 24 | Financial information for Treasury has been requested of Min. For. Affs. Note to letter enc. | 4/28 |
| | 1830 | " 25 | Claim of Capt. W. R. Browne of the schooner Wilmington vs Japan. Reports interview with Min. For. Affs who says Capt. Browne should give specific statement + bills of his cargo &c Refers to his 1826. | 4/28 |
| | 1831 | " 25 | Claim of Nagai Jineke vs U.S. for loss of his junk the "Takumiya Maru" by collision with U.S.S. "Schuylor" in Aug. 1869. Claim waived by Japan. Mr. Bingham think the claim was dismissed through misapprehension. the report of another collision being made by Navy Dep't. Note from Min. For. Affs enc. Refers to his 1493. Dep't's 254. | 4/28 |
| | 1832 | " 26 | Postal Convention with Japan. Has draft of to secure closed consular mail pouches between U.S. + Yokohama. Has brought matter to attention of govt. + will inform Dep't of its position when known. Refers to Dep't's 802. | 4/28 |
| | 1833 | " 26 | China + Japan. Relations between cordial. Interviews with Min. For. Affs reported. Adm. Enomotto, Japanese Min. at Peking, will soon return to his post. Refers to dep't's 798 + 799. | 4/28 |
| | 1834 | " 26 | Lease of court house + jail for Legn. Renewal of. Asks Dep't's 797 approving same. | 4/28 |
| | 1835 | " 26 | Advice of draft for $3400.00 to J. T. Brumby for rent of Legn premises | 4/28 |
| | 1836 | " 27 | Census (U.S.) Reports. Has rec'd Vol II + presented record to Japan. Enc. note of thanks. | 4/28 |
| | 1837 | Apr. 4 | Weather reports for Mar. 1884 transmitted. | 5/5 |
| | 1838 | " 7 | Tea. Adulteration of. Regulations of Japan to provide against enc. | 5/5 |
| | 1839 | " 7 | Postal Convention with Japan to secure closed consular mail pouches. Min. For. Affs states in interview that he will bring subject to attention of Postmaster Gen'l. Refers to his 1832. | 5/5 |
| | 1840 | " 7 | Account for 1st quarter of 1884. | 5/5 |
| Gustavus Goward, Sec of Legn. | — | " 7 | Account for salary. | 5/5 |
| John A. Bingham | 1841 | " 7 | Medical Education + sanitary laws of Japan. Publications in regard with partial translations transmitted for Mr. Dep't. Refers to his 1790 + Dep't's 767. | 5/5 |
| | 1842 | " 7 | Explosives. Japanese regulations for storage of. Enc. note from Min. For. Affs. announcing reduction of storage charges. Mr. Bingham has informed his colleagues who have concurred in same. Refers to his 1807. | 5/5 |
| | 1843 | " 8 | Revision of Treaties with Japan. Newspaper article in regard to enc. with comments. | 5/5 |
| | 1844 | " 8 | Treaty negotiations with Japan of foreign powers. Summary of. Newspaper article relating to enclosed with comments. | 5/5 |
| W. A. Whitney, Interpreter. | — | " 8 | Account for salary. | 5/5 |

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| John A. Bingham | 1845 | Apr 9 | Foreign population in Japan. Statistics of given. But a small fraction of interested in treaty revision question. To | |
| | 1846 | " 9 | Stationery requested for Legn. | To |
| | 1847 | " 9 | Criminal & Penal Codes of Japan. Pamphlets on transmitted. | To |
| | 1848 | " 26 | Visit of H.I.H. Prince Yamashina to U.S. incognito, reported. Note from Min. For. Affs announcing | same &c. To |
| Gustavus Goward, Secy of Legn. | — | " 26 | Thanks for approbation of his course in refusing offer of position in Corean Service. Refers to Dispt instr | of Mar 4th. To |
| Willis A. Whitney, Interpreter. | — | " 29 | Account for salary (duplicate) | 6/2 |
| John A. Bingham | 1849 | May 10 | Account for salary (duplicate) | 6/2 |
| | 1850 | " 10 | Trade Report for Jan. 1884 transmtd. | 6/2 |
| | 1851 | " 10 | Trade Report for 1883 transmtd for Treasury. | 6/2 |
| | 1852 | " 10 | 804-811 recd. | 6/2 |
| | 1853 | " 12 | Revision of Treaties Conference. Has received telegram instructing him to take part in. German position similar to British, except that former will consist to a conditional favored nation administrative clause, but wh. Mr. Bingham thinks will be of no value to Japan. Ld. Granville's memorandum will be insisted on by Gvt. Brit. Enc. note from Min For. Affs. requesting participation of | U.S. 6/2 |
| | 1854 | " 13 | Flags for Legn (3) requested. | 6/2 |
| | 1855 | " 12 | Relations of Japan with foreign powers. Newspaper article enc. with comments. | 6/2 |
| | 1856 | " 13 | Weather Reports for April 1884 enc. | 6/2 |
| | 1857 | " 13 | Revision of Treaties Conference. Enc. clause in German concession found in Art 5 of convention | |
| | | | bet. Germany & China of Mar 31, 80, the principle of wh. Germany proposes to apply to Japan. Comments | 6/2 |
| | 1858 | " 13 | China & France. Enc. telegram announcing treaty of peace bet. in regard to Tonquin. | 6/2 |
| | 1859 | " 13 | Cotton Exhibition to be held at New Orleans in Dec. 1884. Japan will take part. Note from Min. For. Affs enc. | 6/2 |
| | 1860 | " 14 | Ministers of Japan to U.S. Appointment of Taki Riniche as E.E. & M.P. announced. | 6/2 |
| Gustavus Goward, Secy of Legn. | — | " 16 | Account for salary (duplicate) | 6/23 |
| John A. Bingham | 1861 | " 27 | 812-814 recd. | 6/23 |
| | 1862 | " 27 | Trade Report for Feb 1884 transmtd. Comments. | 6/23 |
| | 1863 | " 27 | Cotton Exhibition to be held at New Orleans in Dec. 1884. Appointment of Takamine Jorkichi & Yamari Rigon as Commissioners to reported. Note from Min. For. Affs. enc. | 6/23 |
| | 1864 | " 27 | Revision of Treaties Conference. Enc. telegram from Japanese Min. at Berlin in regard to conditions proposed by Germany not in accord with representations heretofore made by German Min. Japan to be thrown open to foreigners in 8 yrs. This not suits Brit position. | 6/23 |
| | 1865 | " 29 | Weather reports for May 1884 transmtd. | 6/23 |
| | 1866 | June 6 | 815-817 & circ. of Apr. 22 recd | 7/1 |
| | 1867 | " 6 | Congo. Recognition by U.S. of Int'l Ass'n. Enc. German newspaper article commented upon. | 7/1 |
| | 1868 | " 6 | Tariff revision. Comments in speech of Ld. Salisbury on "hostile tariffs" & his aversion to revision as | |
| | | | being opposed to Brit. interests. Newspaper article enc. with comments. | 7/1 |
| | 1869 | " 6 | Ginseng. Information & preparation of requested in Dept's 817 will be furnished when obtained. | 7/1 |
| | 1870 | " 6 | Medal of "Red Ribbon" conferred upon Capt. D.O. Davis, of Amer'n vessel "Ellen F. Thayer" for rescuing | |
| | | | crew of wrecked Japanese vessel. Medal will be delivered by Japanese Min in U.S. Note from Min. For. Affs enc. | 7/1 |
| | 1871 | " 6 | Lighthouses & beacons in Japan. List of & report on transmtd. | 7/1 |
| | 1872 | " 6 | Mail pouches (3) rctd to Dept. | 7/1 |
| | 1873 | " 20 | Medal of "Red Ribbon" conferred upon Capt G. E. Hawkins of Amer'n bark "B.F. Watson" for rescuing | |
| | | | a Japanese crew at sea. Note from Min. For. Affs. in regard to enc. | 7/17 |
| | 1874 | " 20 | Stationery for Legn & 818-822 rec'd. | 7/17 |
| | 1875 | " 21 | Corea & U.S. Treaty, historical. Requests copies of for distribution among his colleagues. | 7/17 |
| | 1876 | " 21 | Revision of Treaties Conference. Has not yet been convened. German memorandum not satisfactory | |
| | | | to Japan. Has not yet rec'd written instructions mentioned in Dept's tel. of 10 ult. Refers to his 1853. | 7/17 |
| | 1877 | " 21 | Cotton Exhibition to be held at New Orleans in Dec. 1884. Japan requests reduction of fare & | |
| | | | transportation charges to U.S. as was done at time of Centennial Exhibition. Note from Min. For. Affs enc. | 7/17 |
| | 1878 | " 21 | Trade Marks Regulations of Japan enc. | 7/17 |
| | 1879 | " 21 | Financial information for Treasury transmtd. Reply to circ. of Jan 28. | 7/17 |
| | 1880 | " 23 | Mail pouch rctd to Dept. | 7/17 |
| | 1881 | " 24 | Great Britain & Corea. Treaty bet. & trade regulations enc. with comments. | 7/17 |
| Willis A. Whitney, Interpreter. | — | " 30 | Account for salary enc. | 8/4 |
| Gustavus Goward. Secy of Legn. | — | July 1 | Account for salary enc. | 8/4 |
| John A. Bingham. | 1882 | " 2 | Weather reports for June 1884 enc. | 8/4 |
| | 1883 | " 3 | Osaka & Hiogo. Recognition of Geo H. Skidmore, as temporarily in charge of Consulate at, reported. | 8/6 |
| | 1884 | " 7 | Estate of J. M. Batchelder, decd. Has declined to give information in regard to a claim of Mr. | |
| | | | Batchelder vs Japan settled by Mr. Bingham. Correspondence with Welch, Hall & Co. enc. Refers to his 1722 | 8/4 |

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| John A. Bingham. | 1885 | July 7 | 823-825 & circ. of May 3d recd. | 9/4 |
| | 1886 | " 7 | Trade Report of Japan for Mar. 1884 transmtd with comments | 9/4 |
| | 1887 | " 7 | 824-825 acknd. | 9/4 |
| | 1888 | " 8 | Accounts for 2d quarter of 1884 enc. | 9/4 |
| | 1889 | " 9 | Fees collected by Minister in civil actions. Contends that such fees shd be turned into Treasury. Enc. draft for fees collected by him in suit of Thos. B. Van Buren vs. Thos. H. Tripler for oral slander. | 9/4 |
| Gustavus Goward, Secy of Legn | " | " 9 | Accounts. Duplicate statement of, for quarter ending June 30/84, enclosed. | 9/25. |
| | " | " 18 | Accounts as Bearer of Despatches. Gives full particulars & explanation respecting, & encl correspondence with Comptroller & 4th Auditor, rel. to, | 9/25. |
| John A. Bingham | 1890 | " 25 | Accounts for 2d quarter 1884, enclosed. —Duplicate.— | 9/25. |
| | 1891 | " 25 | Corean Treaty. States that he has furnished the Russian Minister with a copy of, confidentially. Hopes Dept will approve his action. | 9/25. |
| | 1892 | " 25 | Ginseng root. Preparation of, for market. Answers to Mr. H. K. McKinney's interrogatories respecting, enclosed. Reply to #817. | 9/25. |
| | 1893 | " 26 | Postal Convention with Japan providing for the free delivery of "Consular Pouches." Japanese Govt declines making a new, but is willing to enter into an arrangement for the free delivery of Consular Pouches at Yokohama only, for the Govt at San Francisco, for Japan. Correspondence rel. to, enclosed. | 9/26. |
| | 1894 | " 26 | Japanese Govt publications, transmitted. List of, enclosed. | 9/26. |
| | 1895 | " 26 | Flags received. | 9/26. |
| | 1896 | " 26 | Nos. 826-836, recd. | 9/26. |
| | 1897 | " 30 | Courtesies extended to H.I.H. Prince Kanenahira, by U.S. authorities during his late visit to the U.S. Encl note from Minr of For. Affairs, tendering the thanks of Japanese Govt for, | 9/26. |
| | 1898 | " 30 | American Policy in the East & U.S. Extraterritoriality in Japan re. Encl extracts from the "London Times" & the "London & China Express", rel. to, with comments thereon, | 9/26. |
| | 1899 | " 31 | Meteorological Reports of Japan, transmitted. | 9/26. |
| | 1900 | " 31 | Blanks-Account - Requisition for, - | 9/26. |
| Wellis Norton Whitney, Interpreter | " | " 31 | Accounts as Interpreter, for 2d quarter 1884, enclosed. | 9/26 |
| John A. Bingham | 1901 | Aug. 7 | Trade Reports for April 1884, transmitted. Comments &c. | 9/10. |
| | 1902 | " 8 | Osaka & Hiogo. Recognition of T. M. Pattou, as Consul at, granted. | 9/10. |
| | 1903 | " 8 | Postal Agreement with Japan. Draft of proposed, with correspondence on the subject enclosed, with comments thereon. - Refers to his #893, rel. to, | 9/10. |
| | 1904 | " 8 | Light-house notices, enclosed. | |
| | 1905 | " 9 | Seals & Sea Otters. Hunting & taking of, in Japanese Waters, prohibited. Imperial notification respecting, enclosed. - | 9/10. |
| | 1906 | " 9 | Treaties. Proposed revision of, - Encl proposals of Japanese Govt rel. to a Revised Commercial Convention bet. Japan & the Western Powers. Views of Mr Bingham | 9/10. |
| | 1907 | " 15 | Nos. 836-846, recd | 9/10. |
| Gustavus Goward, Secy of Legn | " | " 15 | Salary as Secy of Legation. Thanks for increase in, - | 9/10. |
| John A. Bingham | 1908 | Sept. 9 | 847 & 848 & circs of Aug. 9 & July 23 recd. | 10/8 |
| | 1909 | " 9 | Meridian & Time Standard Conf. at Washington Oct. 1, 1884. Japan has been informed that each govt may be represented by five delegates. Refers to circ of July 23 | 10/8 |
| | 1910 | " 9 | War ships (foreign) in Japanese ports. Regulations concerning have been requested. Refers to circ of 9 alt. | 10/8 |
| | 1911 | " 9 | Thanks for copies of treaty, bet. U. S. & Corea. | 10/8 |
| | 1912 | " 9 | Meteorological Reports of Japan for Aug. 1884 transmtd. | 10/8 |
| | 1913 | " 9 | France & China. Threatened war between. Min. For. Affrs. has asked Mr. Bingham's advice as to proper action of Japan, who replied that a proclamation of neutrality shd be issued. Enc. correspondence to Japanese For'n Office by Japanese Min. to China. | 10/8 |
| | 1914 | " 9 | Cholera. Quarantine will be enforced at Nagasaki Kobe & Yokohama agst vessels arriving from New Chwang & Amoy to prevent introducing of. Note from Min. For. Affrs. - Correspondence with Consul at Kanagawa enc | 10/8 |
| | 1915 | " 9 | Second Secy of Legn. Mr. Dun reported at post on 16 ult, but has not rec'd his instructions. | 10/8 |
| | 1916 | " 11 | France & China. Threatened war between. Enc. newspaper article giving a decree of China equivalent to a declaration of war. | 10/8 |
| | 1917 | " 24 | 849 & circ of July 8th add. | 10/20 |
| | 1918 | " 24 | Trade Report of Japan for May & June '84 enc. | 10/20 |
| | 1919 | " 24 | Army Department of Japan. 7th annual report (1882) with abstract enc. | 10/20 |
| | 1920 | " 24 | Death of Belgian Minister reported. Account of the funeral enc. | 10/20 |

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| FROM WHOM. | NO. | DATE. 1884 | SUBJECT. | RECEIPT AND DISPOSITION. |
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| John A. Bingham. | 1921 | Sept. 24 | Letter recently confirmed by Emperor of Japan. List of enc. | 10/20 |
| | 1922 | " 24 | Mail pouch. Return of to Dept reported. | 10/20 |
| Edwin Dun, 2d Secy of Legn. | — | Oct. 6 | Accepts apptmt as. Commission recd. | 11/3 |
| John A Bingham. | 1923 | " 6 | 851-855 circ. Sept 3 recd. 850 missing. | 11/3 |
| | 1924 | " 6 | Death of Secy Folger. Legn. flag was half masted in ~~his~~ honor. | 11/3 |
| W. A. Whitney, Interpreter. | — | " 7 | Account for salary. | 11/3 |
| John A. Bingham. | 1925 | " 7 | Rent of Court house + jail. Has informed agent of property that Congress failed to appropriate for, but will probably do so at next session. Mr. Bingham considers the rental moderate. Correspondence with agent enc. Calls attention to error in Dft's 829 as to amt. of rental. | 11/3 |
| | 1926 | " 7 | Meteorological reports of Japan for Sept. 1884. | 11/3 |
| | 1927 | " 7 | Account for salary. | 11/3 |
| | 1928 | " 8 | 2d Secy of Legn. Arrival of Edwin Dun as. His instructions have not arrived. Directions as to his drawing his salary requested. Oath of office enc. | 11/3 |
| | 1929 | " 8 | Cholera. Quarantine regulations to prevention introduction of into Japan have been suspended. | 11/3 |
| | 1930 | " 8 | 855 + blank forms recd. | 11/3 |
| | 1931 | " 8 | Criminal Jurisdiction claimed by Gt. Brit. over crimes committed by Brit subjects in China, Japan + Corean waters on board Brit + foreign vessels. Enc Brit. order in council. This jurisdiction should not be submitted to when crime is committed on an Amer. vessel. | 11/3 |
| | 1932 | " 9 | Account for contingencies enc. with comments. | 11/3 |
| Gustavus Goward, Secy of Legn. | — | " 18 | Letter of credit. Ackgs receipt of same. | 11/17 |
| John A. Bingham. | 1933 | " 20 | Envelope recd from dept. with seal broken and without contents. 856-858 recd. 850 missing. | 11/17 |
| Gustavus Goward, Secy of Legn. | — | " 21 | Account for salary + loss by exchange. | 11/17 |
| John A. Bingham. | 1934 | " 21 | Account for salary + contingencies. (duplicates) | 11/17 |
| | 1935 | " 21 | Earthquake at Yokahama + vicinity. Account of enc. | 11/17 |
| | 1936 | " 21 | Diseases (infectious) in Japan. Reports in regard to enc. No Cholera epidemic has so far appeared. | 11/17 |
| | 1937 | " 22 | Loss by exchange. Explains his accounts in regard to. Correspondence with Comptroller enc. | 11/17 |
| Willis A. Whitney, Interpreter. | — | " 22 | Account for salary + loss by exchange (with duplicates) | 11/17 |
| John A. Bingham. | 1938 | " 29 | Outrages committed upon Amer. vessel "Diana" by Russians at Copper Island. Japan desires good offices of U. S. for settlement of demand of Japan for reparation on account of Japanese seamen on board. Mr. Bingham states that U. S. is willing to include Japanese claim in its demand on Russia but will assume no responsibility. Note from Min For. Affs enc. Refers to his 1658 + Dft's 736. | 12/1 |
| | 1939 | " 29 | Trade report of Japan for July 1884 transmitted. | 12/1 |
| | 1940 | " 30 | France + China. Threatened war between. Enc. notification by Min. For. Affs. of French blockade of Formosa. Neutrality has not been declared in Japan or Hongkong. | 12/1 |
| | 1941 | " 30 | 859-861 recd. | 12/1 |
| | 1942 | " 31 | Osaca + Hiogo. Recognition of Geo. H. Scidmore as U. Con. at has been requested. | 12/1 |
| Gustavus Goward, Secy of Legn. | — | Nov. 1 | Account for salary (duplicate) | 12/1 |
| John A. Bingham. | 1943 | " 1 | Meteorological reports for Sept. 1884 enc. | 12/1 |
| | 1944 | " 5 | Claim of Nagai Iwake vs. U. S. for loss of his junk the "Fukumiya Maru" by collision with U. S. S. "Itchusett" in Aug. 1869. The claim for indirect damages will be withdrawn. Note to Min For. Affs. asking official withdrawal enc. Refers to Dft's 826 | 12/1 |
| | 1945 | " 5 | Osaka. Extension of concession of lands for foreign quarter as reported. Enc. petition of foreign residents of, for additional land, map of extension + correspondence by which same was obtained. | 12/1 |
| | 1946 | " 5 | Accounts (duplicates) with explanations. | 12/1 |
| | 1947 | " 15 | Cotton Exhibition at New Orleans. Transportation of Japanese Com'rs + attendants to from San Francisco. Min. For. Affs. will make known in proper quarter. 850, 862 + 863 + circ of Sept 30 recd. | 12/11 |
| | 1948 | " 15 | Financial. Report of Banking Bureau of Japanese Finance Dept. transmitted with abstract. | 12/11 |
| | 1949 | " 15 | Stationery for Legn. requested. | 12/11 |
| | 1950 | " 15 | Financial. Report of Com'r of Mint of Japan transmitted. | 12/11 |
| | 1951 | " 15 | Trade report of Japan for Aug. 1884 transmitted. | 12/11 |
| | 1952 | " 17 | Charges preferred agst. Mr. Bingham connected with rental of court house + jail at Tokio. He has facilitated Mr. F. F. Low's investigations in regard to. Makes explanation + denies any impropriety. Refers to his 1414. Reply to Dft's 850. | 12/11 |

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| John A. Bingham | 1953 | Nov. 24 | 864-866 recd. | 12/27 |
| | 1954 | " 24 | Cotton Exhibition at New Orleans. Japan will take part in Postal Exhibit at. | 12/27 |
| | 1955 | " 24 | Naval vessels of Japan. List of enc. + discription of new dock at Yokosuka. | 12/27 |
| | 1956 | " 24 | Claim of Nagai Jinske vs U. S. for loss of his junk the "Fukumiya Maru" by collision with U.S.S. Ashuelot in 1869. Min. For. Affs. states amt. of direct damages, but hopes that equitable relief may also be afforded. Mr. Bingham suggests that interest on the actual loss from Nov. 18, 1875 be added. Note from Min. For. Affs. enc. Refers to Dept's 860. | 12/27 |
| | 1957 | " 24 | Osaka + Hiogo. Mr. Geo. H. Skidmore acks. receipt of his com'n + exequatur as V. Con. at. | 12/27 |
| | 1958 | " 25 | War vessels in Japanese ports. Information as to regulations rel. to furnished. Reply to circ. of Aug 9. | 12/27 |
| | 1959 | " 26 | Rent of Court House + Jail. Enc. accounts + vouchers for payment of for 1883 + 84 with explanations. Refers to Dept's 864. | 12/27 |
| | 1960 | " 28 | Meteorological reports for Nov. 1884 enc. | 12/27 |
| | 1961 | " 28 | Charges preferred against Mr. Bingham in connection with rental of Court House + Jail at Tokei. Describes the Legn. premises + jail + court house building. Same have been occupied by him since 1874 + are the best obtainable for the price. Refers to Dept's 850. | 12/27 |
| | 1962 | Dec. 8 | Trade report of Japan for Sept. 1883 transmitted with comments. | 1/9 |
| | 1963 | " 8 | Criminal Jurisdiction claimed by Govt. Brit. over Brit. subjects who have committed crimes on board Brit. or foreign vessels in Japanese, Chinese + Corean waters. Further Ext. Order in Council on subject enc. Refers to his 1931. | 1/9 |
| | 1964 | " 9 | 867 + circ of Oct 27 recd. | 1/9 |
| | 1965 | " 9 | Decoration of Order of the Rising Sun (5th Class) has been conferred upon Louis Wertheimber, Asst Com'r at Boston Exhibition. It will be sent through Japanese Min at Washington. | 1/9 |
| | 1966 | " 9 | Treaties + Conventions bet. Japan + other powers. Revised edition, 1884 - 2 copies. enc. | 1/9 |
| | 1967 | " 9 | Rent of Court House + Jail at Tokei. Accounts for 1883 + 1884 (in duplicate) enc. | 1/9 |
| | 1968 | " 10 | Revision of Treaties bet Japan + other powers. Extract in Pres't's message in regard to is very satisfactory to Japan. | 1/9 |
| | 1969 | " 10 | Court House + Jail at Tokei. Further discription of the premises. Requests that his 1961 may be amended accordingly. | 1/9 |
| Gustavus Goward, Secy of Legn | — | " 10 | Leave of absence for 60 days with permission to visit U. S. requested. | 1/9 |
| | — | " 11 | Account for loss by exchange enc with explanations. | 1/9 |
| John A. Bingham. | 1970 | " 22 | Corea. Insurrection in. Japanese troops have been sent to protect the king Japanese Legn. buildings in Seoul were burned by the mob. U.S. Min. + wife are on board the U.S.S. Trenton at Gensan. Chinese Min. has requested Mr. Bingham's good offices in case of conflict bet. Chinese + Japanese troops in Corea. Newspaper article enc. | 1/14 |
| | 1971 | " 22 | Claim of Capt. W. R. Browne of the schooner "Wilmington" vs. Japan. Japan offers as a compromise to pay $5,000. in settlement. Mr. Bingham recommends acceptance of the amt. | 1/14 |
| | 1972 | " 22 | Cholera in Japan in 1879. Report on by Sanitary Bureau of Japan enc. | 1/14 |
| | 1973 | " 22 | 868-870 recd. | 1/14 |
| | 1974 | " 22 | Second Secy of Legn. His instructions have been recd. Mr. Dun's acknowledgment enc. Refers to Dept's 869. | 1/14 |
| | Tel | " 22 | Legation Premises. Japan offers to present to U. S. five acres of land in Yeddo valued at $25000. Will the gift be accepted? | |
| | 1975 | " 22 | Legation Premises. Offer of Japan to present five acres of land to U. S. for. Five govts now own their legation premises. Mr. Bingham suggests the offer be accepted + that $40,000 be appropriated to enclose + beautify the grounds. Text of tel. | 1/14 |
| | 1976 | " 29 | Trade report of Japan for Oct. 1884 enc. with comments. | 1/26 |
| | 1977 | " 29 | Vessels (foreign built) Inspection of. Enc. decree + regulations rel to. in Japan. | 1/26 |
| | 1978 | 1885 Jan. 2 | Gift of land for U. S. Legn. by Japan. Min For. Affs. desires an early answer as the ground has to be first purchased. It is desired that the transfer be made during Pres't Arthur's term in recognition of his friendship towards Japan. | 1/26 |
| | 1979 | " 2 | Meteorological reports for Dec. 1884 transmitted. | 1/26 |
| | 1985 | " 2 | Charges preferred agst. Mr. Bingham in connection with rent of court house + jail at Tokei. States that his action has been regular as shown by his dispatches, that he has saved large sums yearly to govt by his personal expenditure + that charges agst him are malicious + unjust. Acks Dept's 871 + 872. | 1/26 |
| | 1981 | " 3 | Cotton Convention at New Orleans Circ. of Oct. 27 rel to has been sent to Foreign Office | 1/26 |
| Gustavus Goward, Secy of Legn | — | " 3 | Account for loss by exchange. Corrected voucher (duplicate) enc. Refers to his 11 ult. | 1/26 |

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| John A. Bingham - | 1982 | Jan. 9 | Corea. Revolution in supposed to be precipitated by the Chinese party. Enc: letter from U.S. Min. to Corea giving an account of the outbreak. | 2/16 |
| | 1983 | " 10 | Explosives. Decree & regulations prohibiting the manufacture of & furnishing with death persons using explosives to disturb the public peace, enc. | 2/16 |
| | 1984 | " 10 | Corea. Tel. to Min at, from Dept. has been sent by Mr. Bingham & repeated by mail, instructing him to remain at his post. | 2/16 |
| | 1985 | " 12 | Entomology of island of Hakodate. Enc. report on by T.W. Eastlake for Smithsonian. | 2/16 |
| | 1986 | " 12 | Foreign Relations for 1883. copies requested. | 2/16 |
| | 1987 | " 12 | Passport returns. | 2/16 |
| | 1988 | " 12 | Coins of foreign countries. Values of. Requests circ. of treasy rel. to. | 2/16 |
| | 1989 | " 12 | Account for telegrams. | 2/16 |
| | 1990 | " 14 | Chinese Min. to Japan. Enc. correspondence with late Min. on his departure. His successor has arrived. | 2/16 |
| | 1991 | " 14 | Corea & Japan. Enc. telegram stating that differences growing out of the late revolution in Corea have been amicably adjusted by a treaty. | 2/16 |
| Gustavus Goward. Secy of Legn. | | " 14 | Account for salary. | 2/16 |
| Edwin Dun 2d Secy of Legn. | | " 15 | Account for salary. | 2/16 |
| John A. Bingham. | 1992 | " 16 | Account for salary. | 2/16 |
| | 1993 | " 16 | Account for contingencies. | 2/16 |
| Willis A. Whitney, Interpreter. | | " 17 | Account for salary. | 2/16 |
| John A. Bingham. | 1994 | " 17 | Charges preferred agst. Mr. Bingham in connection with rent of court house & jail at Tokei. Corrects error of statement in his 1963, as to saving of money to the govt. | 2/16 |
| | 1995 | " 17 | Corea & Japan. Difficulty between growing out of Corean revolution. Gives telegram fm U.S. Min. at Corea stating that the difficulty has been adjusted by treaty | 2/16 |
| | 1996 | " 17 | Gift of land for U.S. Legn premises by Japan. Necessity that Japan shd. know of the acceptance of by U.S. as soon as possible, as the land wh. is to be bought is appreciating in value. Text of telegram. Refers to his 1975. | 2/16 |
| | 1997 | " 23 | Navy of Japan. List of vessels in course of construction enc. | 2/25 |
| | 1998 | " 23 | Corea & Japan. Convention bet. to settle difficulties growing out of revolution in. Official notification of enc. | 2/25 |
| | 1999 | " 24 | Account for telegrams. (duplicate) | 2/25 |
| | 2000 | " 24 | Account for salary. (duplicate) | 2/25 |
| | 2001 | " 24 | Account for contingencies (duplicate) | 2/25 |
| Gustavus Goward, Secy of Legn. | | " 25 | Account for salary (duplicate) | 2/25 |
| W. A. Whitney, Interpreter. | | " 26 | Account for salary (duplicate) | 2/25 |
| Edwin Dun, 2d Secy of Legn | | " 26 | Account for salary (duplicate) | 2/25 |
| John A. Bingham | 2002 | " 26 | Claim of Capt. Browne of the "Wilmington" vs. Japan. Details his action. The amount in settlement will be paid through Japanese Min. to U.S. | 2/25 |
| | 2003 | " 26 | 874-877 & circ. of Oct 31 recd. 873 missing | 2/25 |
| | 2004 | " 26 | Stationery recd. | 2/25 |
| | 2005 | " 26 | Claim of Nagai Jinske vs. U.S. for loss of his junk the "Fukumiya Maru". Japan again requests payment of direct damages. Mr. Bingham hopes this will be clear. Note from Min. For. Affs. enc. | 2/25 |
| | 2006 | Feb. 10 | Meteorological reports for Jan. 1885 transmtd. | 3/16 |
| | 2007 | " 11 | Trade report of Japan for Nov. 1884 transmtd with comments. | 3/16 |
| | 2008 | " 14 | 873 acknd. | 3/16 |
| | 2009 | " 16 | Corea. Mr. Hoek has been telegraphed to remain at his post. Enc letter from him rel. to Corean affairs & Mr Bingham's reply. | 3/16 |
| | Tel | " 18 | Claim of Nagai Jinski vs. U.S. for loss of his junk the "Fukumiya Maru" If possible settle Nagai Jinske's claim. | |
| | 2010 | " 18 | Claim of Capt. Brown of the "Wilmington" vs. Japan. Enc. note from Min For. Affs. stating that Jap. Min. in Washington has been ordered to pay $1000 in settlement of. | 3/16 |
| | 2011 | " 18 | Cotton Convention at New Orleans. Japan will appoint Tamari Kiyo as Delegate to. Note from Min. For. Affs. enc. | 3/16 |
| | 2012 | " 18 | Claim of Nagai Jinske vs. U.S. for loss of his junk the "Fukumiya Maru". Japanese Min. For. Affs desires early settlement. Mr. Bingham think the claim for direct damages equitable & shd be paid with interest from date of its presentation Telegram | 3/16 |

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| John A. Bingham. | 2013 | Feby 18 | Deserting seaman Edward Sebaglia (an Austrian subject) from U.S. "Hartford". Mr. Bingham holds that being a deserter from a national vessel he is not entitled to relief by U.S. Consul. Correspondence with Austrian Minister enc. | 3/30 |
| | 2014 | " 24 | Trade report of Japan for Dec. 1884 enc. | 3/30 |
| | 2015 | " 25 | Lighthouses of Japan. List of enc. | 3/30 |
| | 2016 | " 25 | Audience with the Emperor & Empress granted to Mr. Bingham & to Minister to Corea & Mrs Foote. | 3/30 |
| | 2017 | " 27 | Uniforms of Japanese Army. Regulations rel. to enc. | 3/30 |
| | 2018 | " 27 | 878-884 & Circ. of Jan 20 rcd. | 3/30 |
| | 2019 | " 27 | Thanks of U.S. for the Collection of Japanese treaties have been extended to Min. For. Affs. | 3/30 |
| | 2020 | " 27 | Claim of Capt. W.L. Browne of the schooner "Wilmington". Satisfaction at its settlement. | 3/30 |
| | 2021 | " 27 | China & France. War between. Enc proclamation of the Governor of Hong Kong forbidding the furnishing of supplies to naval vessels of France & China. It is believed that France will declare rice contraband. | 3/30 |
| | 2022 | " 28 | China & Japan. Difficulty between growing out of the Corean revolution. Reports his interview with the Japanese ambassador who goes to China to settle the difficulty. Mr. Bingham counsels moderation & the withdrawal of the Japanese & Chinese troops from Corea. The Ambassador shares his views. Probable peaceful settlement. | 3/30 |
| | 2023 | " 28 | Meteorological reports for Feb. 1885 transmitted. | 3/30 |
| | 2024 | " 28 | Claim of Otagai Jinske vs. U.S. for loss of his junk the "Fukumiya Maru". Min. For. Affs. expresses appreciation of the offer of U.S. to pay same with interest from date of presentation of the claim. Correspondence enc. Refers to his 2012. | 3/30 |
| | 2025 | Mar. 5 | Marine notice enc. | 4/6 |
| | 2026 | " 11 | Coinage & production of precious metals in Japan. Information has been requested. Refers to circ. of Jan 20. | 4/6 |
| | 2027 | " 11 | China & France. War between. Rice has been declared contraband of war. Notification enc. Expresses satisfaction that Gt. Brit. will oppose the measure. | 4/3 |
| | 2028 | " 11 | Letters & package addressed to Mr. Foote, Min. to Corea, returned for delivery to him. | 4/6 |
| | Tel | " 27 | Resignation tendered to take effect Aug. 1st. | |
| | 2029 | Apr 4 | Meteorological reports for Mar. transmitted. | 5/13 |
| | 2030 | " 13 | Marine notice enc. | 5/13 |
| | 2031 | " 13 | Army (Japanese) 8th Annual Report of enc. | 5/13 |
| | 2032 | " 13 | 885-901 & circs. of Feb. ), Mar. 6 & 7 rcd. | 5/13 |
| | 2033 | " 13 | Signal & field telegraph corps of Japan. Information desired in circ. of Mar. 6, has been requested | 5/13 |
| | 2034 | " 14 | Passport. One was issued during quarter ending Mar. 31, 1885. | 5/13 |
| | 2035 | " 14 | Account for rent for court house & jail at Yedo enc. | 5/13 |
| Gustavus Goward, Secy of Legn. | — | " 14 | Account for salary & loss by exchange. | 5/13 |
| Edwin Dun, 2d Secy. of Legn. | — | " 14 | Account for salary & loss by exchange. | 5/13 |
| Willis A. Whitney, Interpreter | — | " 15 | Account for salary & loss by exchange. | 5/13 |
| John A. Bingham. | 2036 | " 15 | Fate of Mrs. Cohen (known as "Lorlene the Water Queen") Inquiry failed to elicit information concerning her. Depts 896 with information concerning her rcd. | 5/13 |
| | 2037 | " 15 | Account for salary. | 5/13 |
| | 2038 | " 16 | Account for contingent expenses. | 5/13 |
| | 2039 | " 20 | Account for rent of court house & jail for year ending Mar 15. enc. | 5/25 |
| | 2040 | " 20 | Account for contingencies (duplicate) enc. | 5/25 |
| | 2041 | " 20 | Account for salary (duplicate) enc. | 5/25 |
| Willis A. Whitney, Interpreter | — | " 20 | Account for salary (duplicate) enc. | 5/25 |
| Edwin Dun, 2d Secy of Legn. | — | " 21 | Account for salary (duplicate) enc. | 5/25 |
| John A. Bingham. | 2042 | " 25 | Decorations have been conferred upon Rev. Dr. P.V. Veeder, Winfield S. Chaplin, Dr. D. B. McCartee, W.S. Parson, & M.M. Scott, late of Tokio University. The diplomas will be delivered by Japanese Min. to U.S. Note of Min For. Affs. enc. | 5/25 |
| | 2043 | " 25 | 902-905 & circs of Mar. 2, 21, 24 & 26 rcd. | 5/25 |
| | 2044 | " 25 | Merchant Vessels of U.S. 16th Annual List of have been distributed | 5/25 |
| | 2045 | " 25 | Collisions at Sea. International Regulations for preventing same. Japan has been informed of the adoption of by U.S. | 5/25 |
| | 2046 | " 25 | China & Japan. Difficulty between growing out of Corean revolution. Settlement of same by a convention reported. | 5/25 |
| | 2047 | " 27 | Gift by Japan of Legn. premises at Tokio. He has informed Japan of action of Dept relating to acceptance of the Legn. Japan still wishes to make the gift. Correspondence with Min. For. Affs. enc. | |

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| John A. Bingham. | 2048 | Apr. 27 | Patent Regulations of Japan enc. They go into force July 1, 1885. | 5/25 |
| | 2049 | " 27 | Bladenstock Harbor has been laid with torpedoes. Notification enc. | 5/25 |
| Gustavus Goward, Secy of Legn | — | " 27 | Account for salary (duplicate) | 5/25 |
| — | — | " 27 | Account for loss by exchange. Asstg. Depts 12 ult approving same. | 5/25 |
| — | — | May 9 | Account as bearer of dispatches, being entrusted with Corean treaty in transit from Washington to Tokei. Enc. his July 18, 1884 to which no reply was received & letter from Comptroller. His account was approved by Dept. but disallowed by Comptroller | 6/5 |
| John A. Bingham. | 2050 | " 20 | Meteorological reports for Apr. 1885 transmitted. | 6/9 |
| | 2051 | " 20 | 906-909 recd. | 6/9 |
| | 2052 | " 20 | Sanitary report of Japanese govt. of poisoning by various poisonous substances enc. | 6/9 |
| | 2053 | " 20 | Telegram to Chargé to Corea rel. to army instructors has been sent to him. | 6/9 |
| | 2054 | " 25 | Signal & field telegraph corps of Japanese army. Information rel. to enc. Reply & enc. | 6 Mar 6/9 |
| | 2055 | " 30 | 910-911 recd. | 6/30 |
| | 2056 | " 30 | Thanks of U.S. have been conveyed to Japan for the action of Japanese troops in protecting U.S Legn at Seoul during a conflagration. Note & Min. For. Affs enc. Refers to Dept's 911. | 6/30 |
| | 2057 | June 1 | Trade report of Japan for 1884 with comments transmitted. | 6/30 |
| | 2058 | " 1 | China & Japan. Enc. Convention between in settlement of difficulties growing out of Corean revolution. Both parties agree to withdraw their troops from Corea. | 6/30 |
| | 2059 | " 1 | Meteorological reports for May 1885 transmitted. | 6/30 |
| | 2060 | " 4 | Stationery requested. | 6/30 |
| | 2061 | " 4 | Seizure of Port Hamilton, Corea, by a British fleet. Japan has made representations to Brit. Min. stating that the seizure is regarded as an unfriendly act towards Japan. Enc. note recd from U.S. Chargé to Corea rel. to. | 6/30 |
| | 2062 | " 4 | Mail pouches (4) transmitted. | 6/30 |
| | 2063 | " 5 | Diplomatic service of Mr. Bingham. Enc. newspaper article commending same. | 6/30 |
| | 2064 | " 9 | Thanks of U.S. to Japan for protection of U.S. Legn at Seoul by Japanese troops during a conflagration. Enc. reply to his note to Min. For. Affs. Refers to his 2056. | 7/13 |
| | 2065 | " 11 | Trade report of Japan for Jan. 1885 enc. with comments. | 7/13 |
| | 2066 | " 13 | Death of ex-Secy Terashima Munenori. States he has half masted the Legn flag. | 7/13 |
| | 2067 | " 13 | 912 acked. | 7/13 |
| | 2068 | " 17 | China & France. Treaty between. Enc articles of, as published in Japan Herald". | 7/13 |
| | 2069 | " 19 | Coinage & production of precious metals in Japan. Information enc. Refers to circ. of Jan 20 | 7/13 |
| | 2070 | " 29 | 913-916 recd. | 7/27 |
| | 2071 | " 30 | Claim of Nagai Jineke vs U.S. for loss of his junk the "Fukumiya Maru". Proof of his ownership will be sent. Correspondence with Min. For. Affs enc. Refers to Dept's 913. | 7/27 |
| | 2072 | " 30 | Coinage & currency in Japan. Information for Treasy & does transmitted. Refers to his 2069. | 7/27 |
| | 2073 | " 30 | Kanagawa. Recognition of Warren Green as Con. Genl at, reported. | 7/27 |
| Richard B. Hubbard. | 1 | " 30 | Arrival at post & interview with Min. For. Affs. reported. | 7/27 |
| | 2 | " 30 | Courtesy of Japan in sending a vessel to take Mr. Hubbard from the wrecked "City of Tokio". | 7/27 |
| John A. Bingham | 2074 | July 1 | Account for salary. | 7/27 |
| | 2075 | " 1 | Account for salary (duplicate) | 7/27 |
| | 2076-2077 | " 1 | Account for contingencies (original & duplicate) | 7/27 |
| | 2078 | " 1 | Passport returns. | 7/27 |
| | 2079 | " 1 | Trade report of Japan for Feb. 1885 transmitted. | 7/27 |
| | 2080 | " 1 | Arrival of Minister Hubbard on 24 inst. & courtesy of Japan in sending a naval vessel to take Mr. Hubbard from the wrecked "City of Tokio" reported. | 7/27 |
| | 2081 | " 1 | Medical Progress in Japan. Work on by W. A. Whitney, Interpreter of Legn, enc. | 7/27 |
| | 2082 | " 2 | Recall letter. Presentation of reported. | 7/27 |
| Richard B. Hubbard. | 3 | " 3 | Credentials. Presentation of on 2 inst reported. | 7/27 |
| | 4 | " 3 | Salary for time occupied in travelling from his residence to Washington. Asks if he shall draw for same. | 7/27 |
| | 5 | " 3 | Account for salary in transit enc. | 7/27 |
| Gustavus Goward, Secy of Legn. | — | " 3 | Account for salary. | 7/27 |
| Edwin Dun, 2d Secy of Legn. | — | " 3 | Account for salary. | 7/27 |
| Richard B. Hubbard | 6 | " 7 | Archives of Legation. Transfer of. Inventory enclosed. | 7/15 |
| Gustavus Goward Secy of Legn | — | " 7 | Accounts—Salary— | 7/15 |
| Richard B. Hubbard | 7 | " 9 | Trade report of Japan for March 1885, transmitted | 7/15 |

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| FROM WHOM. | NO. | DATE. | SUBJECT. | RECEIPT AND DISPOSITION. |
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| | | 1885 | | |
| Richard B. Hubbard. | 8. | July 9 | Death of Ex Secretary Okuma. Flag of Legation flown at half-mast as a mark of respect | 8/15. |
| | 9 | " 11 | Account - Salary & transit | 8/15. |
| | 10 | " 13 | Copying press for letters. Asks authority to purchase. Requisition for books & blanks | 8/15. |
| | 11 | " 14 | Marine notices, enclosed. | 8/15. |
| | 12 | " 17 | Trade of Japan for April 1885, Report on, transmitted | 8/15. |
| (Confidential) | 13 | " 17 | Corea. Russian intrigue in; - Encl letter from Geo. C. Foulk, Chargé ad int. rel. to; Comments on; - | 8/15. |
| Edwin Dun 2d Secy of Legn | 14 | " 18 | Accounts - Salary - | 8/15. |
| Richard B. Hubbard | 15 | " 20 | Japanese Indemnity Fund. Pretended claims of J. M. Morrison vs. Japan in connection with, Encl letter to J. W. Barnes with private papers respecting, and requests Dept to examine & forward same. | 8/15. |
| | 16 | " 20 | Destitute seamen. Suggestions that the laws providing for their relief be amended. Encl correspondence with Con Genl at Kanagawa, respecting applications for relief by the officers & crew of the ss "City of Tokio"; - Comments. | 8/15. |
| | 17 | " 20 | Newspapers for Legation. Designates the "New York World" & the "Daily Examiner" of San Francisco. | 8/15. |
| | 18 | " 20 | Meteorological Reports for June 1885, transmitted | 8/15. |
| | 19 | " 20 | Flood at Osaka, Encl account of the great calamity by, - with correspondence with Japanese Govt on the subject, commending the services rendered by its officers on that occasion. | 8/15. |
| Willis N. Whitney Interpreter | 20 | " 20 | Accounts - Salary - | 8/15. |
| Richard B. Hubbard | 21 | " 25 | Postmaster Genl of Japan. Report of, enc | 9/1 |
| | 22 | " 30 | Nagasaki. Recognition of J. M. Birch as Consul at, has been requested. Action | 9/1 |
| | 23 | Aug. 1 | Messenger hire. Requests an allowance of $10 per mo. for out of Legn's contingent fund. | 9/1 |
| | 24 | " 1 | Meteorological reports for July 1885 transmitted. | 9/1 |
| | 25 | " 3 | Trade report of Japan for May 1885 transmitted. | 9/1 |
| | 26 | " 4 | Revision of Treaties Conference. Reports preliminary conference called by German minister. Proposition of granting Japan tariff & judicial autonomy will probably be accepted. Japan will probably call a conference in Oct. next. Enc correspondence & drafts of proposed revision. Instructions requested. | 9/1 |
| | 27 | " 5 | Pension claim of Geo. T. Smith, resident of Otaka, enc. | 9/1 |
| | 28 | " 5 | Sanitary reports on infectious & contagious diseases in Japan enc. | 9/1 |
| Willis A. Whitney, Interpreter. | — | " 6 | Account for salary & loss by exchange (duplicate) enc. | 9/1 |
| Richard B. Hubbard. | 29 | " 15 | 918-920 circ. of July 6 rec'd. | 9/12 |
| | 30 | " 15 | Stationery requested. | 9/12 |
| John A. Bingham | 31 | " 21 | Free entry of his effects requested. | 9/14 |
| Richard B Hubbard. | 32 | " 24 | Meteorological reports transmitted. | 9/22 |
| | 33 | " 24 | Medical Department of University of Tokio. Regulations transmitted. Reply to Dept's July 25 | 9/22 |
| | 34 | " 25 | Thanks of War Dept for Signal Service publications have been extended. Refers to 919 | 9/22 |
| | 35 | " 27 | Death of Gen Grant. Enc. note of condolence from Min. For. Affs. | 9/22 |
| W. A. Whitney, Interpreter. | — | " 29 | Leave of absence for 60 days with permission to visit U. S. requested. He will provide a substitute. | 9/22 |
| Richard B. Hubbard. | — | " 29 | Leave of absence requested by Interpreter Whitney. Approves same. | 9/22 |
| | 36 | " 31 | Cholera. Its existence at Nagasaki reported. Inspection & detention of vessels arriving from. The Con Genl at Nagasaki has been informed & issued rescission Circulars &c. &c. | 9/22 |
| | 37 | " 31 | Meteorological reports for Aug. 1885 transmitted. | 9/22 |
| | 38 | " 31 | Coinage & currency in Japan. Regulations relating to Bills of Exchange & promissory notes & charter of Bank of Japan transmitted. Refers to Legn's page 30. | 9/22 |
| | 39 | Sept. 1 | Marine notice enc. | 10/10 |
| | 40 | " 8 | Collisions at Sea. Regulations of Japan for preventing same. Amendment enc. | 10/10 |
| | 41 | " 12 | Kerosine oil. Proposition of Japan to make a close flash test at a lower temperature than heretofore. Mr Hubbard objects. Enc note from Dean of diplomatic Corps enc proposed Japanese decree. Mr Hubbard's reply & memorandum of Brit. Minister | 10/10 |
| | 42 | " 16 | Arrival as U. S. Min. to China Dudley & Secr Adm Davis. Courtesies to them & their departure. | 10/10 |
| | 43 | " 16 | Audience granted by Emperor to Mr. Dudley, U. S. Min to China & Adm. Davis & staff | 10/10 |
| | 44 | " 16 | Cholera at Nagasaki not decreasing. Measures to arrest same. Correspondence &c &c. | 10/10 |
| | 45 | " 17 | Army of Japan. 9th Annual Report enc with translated abstract | 10/10 |
| John A. Bingham, late Minister | — | " 21 | Account for transit & agency &c | 10/10 |
| | — | " 21 | Account for [illegible] | 10/10 |

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| Richard B. Hubbard. | 42 | Sept. 24 | Financial. Rumored negotiation of a loan in London. Enc. statement of funded debt of Japan. | 10/30 |
| | 43 | " 28 | Revision of Treaties. Conference will not meet before Nov. 1. Instructions awaited. Text of tel. | 10/30 |
| | 44 | " 29 | Kerosine oil test in Japan. Interview with Min. For. Affs. who argues the necessity of a lower temperature test. Mr. Hubbard holds to the present test. Minister said subject would be considered. | 10/30 |
| W. A. Whitney, Interpreter. | — | " 30 | Account for salary enc. | 10/30 |
| Edwin Dun, 2d Secy of Legn. | — | Oct. 1 | Account for salary enc. | 10/30 |
| Richard B. Hubbard. | 45 | " 1 | Meteorological reports for Sept. 1885 transmitted. | 10/30 |
| | 46 | " 2 | Wreck of Amer. vessel "Cashmere" in Japanese waters. Services rendered to her crew by Japanese govt. U. S. "Iroquois" goes to rescue the vessel, which is waterlogged. Necessity of all U. S. naval vessel in Japanese waters. Correspondence with Min. For. Affs. & Con at Kanagawa enc. | 10/30 |
| | 47 | " 2 | Gift of land by Japan to U. S. for erection of Legation premises. Matter still in abeyance. Other govts have accepted similar gifts. Suggests that if action of Cong. is not likely to be harmonious the tender had be refused without submitting it. Correspondence enc. | 10/30 |
| | 48 | " 2 | Accounts for salary & contingencies enc. | 10/30 |
| | 49 | " 3 | Legation, Court house & jail premises. Premises satisfactory. Present lease expires Mar. 15, 1886. Mr. Hubbard will transmit contract for renewal of lease for ten years by next mail. Refer to Dept 4/7 | |
| | 50 | " 3 | Trade report of Japan for June 1885 transmitted. | 10/30 |
| | 51 | " 7 | Accounts (duplicates) enc. | 11/6 |
| | 52 | " 7 | Stationery received. | 11/6 |
| | 53 | " 9 | Audience granted by Empress to Mr. & Mrs Hubbard. Dinner of Min. For. Affs. | 11/6 |
| | 54 | " 9 | Sanitary statistics of Japan enc. | 11/6 |
| Edwin Dun, 2d Secy of Legn. | — | " 10 | Account for salary (duplicate) enc. | 11/6 |
| W. A. Whitney, Interpreter. | — | " 12 | Account for salary (duplicate) enc. | 11/6 |
| Richard B. Hubbard. | 55 | " 12 | Passport issued to Mrs. Sarah Denton Wilson is numbered 38. Refers to Dept's 3. | 11/6 |
| | 56 | " 12 | 2-9 ackd. | 11/6 |
| | 57 | " 12 | 7 ackd. | 11/6 |
| | 58 | " 12 | Mails for Japan from U. S. Complains of delay of ming to difficulty with Pacific Mail steamship Co. Suggests that Legn's mail be sent as special freight. | 11/6 |
| | 59 | " 19 | Nagasaki. Recognition of J. M. Birch, as Con. at, reported. | 11/16 |
| | 60 | " 19 | Wreck of Amer. vessel "Cashmere". Encl note from Min. For. Affs. rel to survivors of | 11/16 |
| | 61 | " 19 | Legation premises. Right of U. S. to make renewal of lease. The premises are satisfactory. States he will not make definite renewal of lease until instructed. Refers to his 49 | 11/16 |
| | 62 | " 20 | Destitute seamen of str. "City of Tokio". Asst of Con. Genl at Kanagawa in furnishing relief to. Con. Genl interpreted Consular regulations strictly. Steamship Co. finally paid the seamen wages due them & sent them to San Francisco. 12 ackd. | 11/6 |
| | 63 | " 21 | 10+12 & 17-21 recd. | 11/6 |
| | 64 | " 29 | Trade report of Japan for July enc. | 12/5 |
| | 65 | " 30 | Sanitary reports enc. | 12/5 |
| Gustavus Goward, Secy of Legn. | — | " 30 | Account for salary. | 12/5 |
| Richard B. Hubbard. | 66 | Nov. 6 | Trade report of Japan for Aug enc. | 12/5 |
| Gustavus Goward, Secy of Legn. | — | " 5 | Account as bearer of dispatches. Thanks for promised representation to Cong. Acknd. Aug 31. | 12/5 |
| Richard B. Hubbard. | 67 | " 9 | 11-16 recd. | 12/5 |
| | 68 | " 9 | Session of Treaties Conference will probably not meet until beginning of next year. Causes of the delay. Asks receipt of telegraphic instructions to attend. | 12/5 |
| | 69 | " 11 | Legation premises. Discription of given. Reply to circular of Aug 31 | 12/5 |
| | 70 | " 11 | Postal statistics of Japan. Report of Japanese Postmaster Genl for 1884 enc. | 12/5 |
| | Tel | " 12 | Secy of Legn. Recommends F. S. Mansfield for appointment as | |
| Gustavus Goward, Secy of Legn. | — | " 11 | Account for salary (duplicate) | 12/5 |
| W. A. Whitney, Interpreter. | — | " 19 | Arrival at Hilo, on leave, reported. Gives his address. | 12/21 |
| Richard B. Hubbard. | 71 | " 20 | Marine notice enc. | 12/17 |
| | 72 | " 20 | Claim of the owners of the "Moriton" vs. Japan. Has brought same to attention of Japanese govt. Appreciation of the action before makes formal demand. Min. For. Affs states that Legn Dept. aimed at a conclusion & fixed amount as trouble not been experienced in settlement. Refers to Dept's 2. 12/17 | |
| | 73 | " 21 | Shipping regulations of Japan. Information promised. Refers to circ. of July 16. | 12/17 |
| | 74 | " 21 | Weather reports of Japan for Oct. transmitted. | 12/17 |
| | 75 | " 23 | Trade between U. S. & Japan & means of increasing same. Enc. his letter to J. D. Lanfear rel. to. | 12/17 |
| | 76 | " 23 | Trade (foreign) of Japan. Enc. Brit. Consular Reports for 1884 with comments. | 12/17 |
| Frank L. Mansfield, Secy of Legn. | — | " 25 | Oath enc. Will sail from San Francisco Jan. 7. | |

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| Edwin Dun, 2d Secy of Legn. | — | Nov. 27 | Agricultural condition of Japan. Disclaims responsibility for statements contained in Min. Hubbard's letter to J. B. Simpson rel to with his 75. | 12/26 |
| Richard B. Hubbard. | 77 | " 28 | Death of King of Spain. Legn. flag placed at half mast. Correspondence with Spanish Legn enc. | 12/26 |
| | 78 | Dec. 1 | Trade (Foreign) Report transmitted for Sept. 85. | 12/26 |
| | 79 | " 2 | Correction in his letter to J. B. Simpson with his 75. | 12/26 |
| | 80 | " 4 | 24 acknd. | 12/26 |
| | 81 | " 4 | Claims of Wm S. Rice, owners of the "Monitor" vs. Japan. Min. For Affs states there is no need of an arbitrator. Mr. Hubbard stated that no sum had been agreed upon by U. S. | 12/26 |
| | 82 | " 4 | Death of the Russian Minister, Mr. Davydow, reported. | 12/26 |
| | 83 | " 4 | Death of Vice Pres't. Hendricks. Honors to his memory. | 12/26 |
| | 84 | " 18 | Corea. Removal trouble in by Japanese adventurers. Newspaper article enc. | 1/15 |
| | 85 | " 18 | 25-29 acknd. | 1/15 |
| | 86 | " 18 | Document. "Digest of Opinions of Attorneys Genl" acknd. | 1/15 |
| Gustavus Goward, Secy of Legn | — | " 18 | Suspension from office. Asks 14 ult informing him of same. Desires to be retained in service at Hakodate post. | 1/15 |
| Richard B. Hubbard. | 87 | " 28 | Gift of land for Legn. premises by Japan. Gratified to learn that it will be retained in Pratt's name. | 1/22 |
| | 88 | " 28 | Lease of Legn. premises for two years from Mar. 15, 1886. Renewal of. Duplicate enc for approval. Report Dec 29. | 1/22 |
| | 89 | " 28 | Political. Reconstitution of the executive depts of Japan, making the cabinet directly responsible to the Emperor. Newspaper articles enc. | 1/22 |
| | 90 | " 28 | Extradition. Delivery of Calvin Pratt, charged with forgery in Cal., to Amer. officers. Enc. letter to Cons Genl at Kanagawa denying removal of Pratt's counsel, asking his release on ground of want of jurisdiction. Brit. authorities unofficially complain of request made for Pratt's arrest, as prejudicing extraterritorial rights. | 1/22 |
| Frederick D. Mansfield, Secy of Legn. | — | " 31 | Account for Instruction pays, advice of draft. | 1/4 |
| W. A. Whitney, Interpreter. | — | 1886 31 | Account for salary enc. | 1/8 |
| Gustavus Goward, Secy of Legn. | — | Jan. 6 | Account for salary enc. | 2/10 |
| Richard B. Hubbard. | 91 | " 8 | Accounts enc. | 2/10 |
| | 92 | " 8 | Passport returns enc. | 2/10 |
| | 93 | " 9 | Weather reports of Japan for Nov & Dec '85 & for 1885 transmitted. | 2/10 |
| | 94 | " 10 | Trade report of Japan for Oct. 1885 transmitted. | 2/10 |
| | 95 | " 14 | Revision of treaties Conference; Interview with Brit. Min. in which latter suggests co-operation with U. S. Min. Enc newspaper article giving Brit. position in treaty revision. Refers to Dept 32. | 2/18 |
| | 96 | " 16 | Mint (Japanese) Report of Comr. of transmitted. | 2/18 |
| W. A. Whitney, Interpreter. | — | " 16 | Departure for Japan this date reported. | 2/18 |
| Richard B. Hubbard. | 97 | " 21 | Extradition. Delivery of Calvin Pratt, charged with forgery in Cal, to Amer. officers. Enc newspaper article denying position of Brit. consular authorities that they have right to arrest fugitives from justice. Asks authority to negotiate an extradition treaty. Refers to his 90. | 2/18 |
| | 98 | " 21 | Publications. British Consular Trade Report for Niigata transmitted. | 2/18 |
| | 99 | " 21 | 30-34 rec'd. | 2/18 |
| | 100 | " 21 | Colonies of Japan. There are none. Asks circ. of Dec 10. | 2/18 |
| | 101 | " 22 | Death of Vice Pres't Hendricks. Thanks have been conveyed to Japan for its condolence. 31 acknd. | 2/18 |
| | 102 | " 22 | Services to shipwrecked Amer. vessel Cashmere by Japanese. Names of the rescuers are being sought. Thanks have been conveyed to Japanese govt. 34 acknd. | 2/18 |
| | 103 | " 22 | Hiogo & Osaka. Recognition of T. R. Jernigan as Con. at. reported. | 2/18 |
| | 104 | " 23 | Cholera. Enc letter to W. B. Duncombe, Secy State Bd. Health in answer to his enquiries. | 2/18 |
| | 105 | " 23 | Trade relations between Japan & U. S. Enc. extract from Japanese newspaper rel to. | 2/18 |
| | 106 | " 23 | Publications. Reports of Japanese Depts of Agriculture & Commerce enc. | 2/18 |
| | 107 | " 23 | Horticulture returns of Tokio enc. | 2/18 |
| Edwin Dun, 2d Secy of Legn. | — | " 23 | Account for salary enc. | 2/18 |
| John A. Bingham, late Minister | — | " 26 | Account for loss by exchange. Enc letter from Comptroller stating a balance is due him of $22 states there is still a further balance due him of $90.22 | 2/24 |
| Frederick D. Mansfield, Secy of Legn | — | Feb. 2 | Account for transmit enc. | 2/8 |
| Richard B. Hubbard | — | " 1 | Charges against Mr. Hubbard of social impropriety. Declares that statements affirming in "St. Louis Globe Democrat" & "Washington Capital" are false. | 2/8 |
| Gustavus Goward late Secy of Legn | — | Jan. 26 | Account for salary (duplicate) enc. | 2/8 |
| Edwin Dun, 2d Secy of Legn. | — | 31 Feb. 1 | Account for salary (duplicate) enc. | 2/8 |
| Richard B. Hubbard. | 108 | " 1 | 35-37 rec'd. | 2/8 |
| | 109 | " 1 | Secy of Legn. Arrival of F. D. Mansfield on this date. | 2/8 |
| | 110 | " 1 | Account (duplicate) for enc. | 2/8 |

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| Richard B. Hubbard. | 111 | Feb. 1 | Newspaper "Tokio Independent" published by an American. Copies enc. | 3/5 |
| | 112 | " 3 | Trade returns of Japan for Nov. & Dec. transmitted. | 3/2 |
| | 113 | " 6 | Claim of Messrs Drake & Conklin, owners of the "Monitor" vs. Japan. It has been submitted to Japan. Reply awaited. 37 ackd. | 3/2 |
| | 114 | " 8 | Services rendered to Japanese in distress by Capt. of Amer. ship "Yachemi". Thanks of Japan have been conveyed to him. Note from Min. For. Affs. enc. | 3/2 |
| | 115 | " 8 | Statutes at Large & Revised Statutes. Requests to be supplied with wanting volumes. | 3/2 |
| | 116 | " 12 | Publication. Report of Japanese Dept. of Agriculture & Commerce for Jan. enc. | 3/17 |
| | 117 | " 12 | Commercial. Trade facilities with Japan. Newspaper article on enc. | 3/17 |
| | 118 | " 16 | Law School (English) — of Japan. Address of Mr. Hubbard at opening of. | 3/17 |
| | 119 | " 22 | Newspapers. Circulation of in Japan. Enc. newspaper extract giving statistics of. | 3/17 |
| Frederick S. Mansfield, Secy of Legn. | — | " 22 | Account for transit (duplicate) enc. | 3/17 |
| Richard B. Hubbard. | Tel | " 27 | Secretary of Legation. Asks if he has been confirmed. | |
| | 120 | Mar. 1 | 38 ackd. | 3/25 |
| | 121 | " 1 | Revision of Treaties Conference. It will probably soon meet. Preliminary principle of memorandum. 39 ackd. | 3/25 |
| | 122 | " 2 | Extradition of Calvin Pratt by Japan to U. S. Newspaper article rel. to enc. | 3/25 |
| | 123 | " 2 | Lighthouses in Japan. List of enc. | 3/25 |
| Edwin Dun. Secy of Legn. | — | " 2 | Leave of absence of 40 days to visit interior of Japan requested. | 3/25 |
| Richard B. Hubbard. | 124 | " 3 | 38-40 & circ. of Jan 18 rec'd. | 3/25 |
| W. A. Whitney. Interpreter. | — | " 2 | Return to post on 24 ult. reported. | 3/25 |
| Richard B. Hubbard. | 125 | " 3 | Stationery requested. | 3/25 |
| | 126 | " 12 | Marine notices enc. | 4/7 |
| | 127 | " 12 | Trade reports of Japan for Dec. &c transmitted with comments. | 4/7 |
| | 128 | " 19 | Duties (license) imposed upon Mr. Warner, an Amer., curing cuttle fish at Hakodate. Min For Affs. desires that he be prevented from engaging in the business. Mr. Hubbard states he has no authority for that purpose. | |
| | — | | Trade Marks. Japan requires request that foreigners be allowed privilege of laws rel. to, to prevent Japanese from counterfeiting foreign trade marks. Correspondence enc. | 4/13 |
| | 129 | " 20 | University (Imperial) Royal ordinance rel. to administration of enc. | 4/13 |
| | 130 | " 20 | Police force of Tokio. Enc answers to questions, propounded to Chief of Police, at request of Chief of Police of Macon, Ga. & addressed to latter, for transmission. | 4/13 |
| | 131 | " 22 | Hakodate. Complaint of Japan at absence of consular officer of U. S. at. Asks what reply he shall make to Foreign Office. Refers to notes which his 128. | 4/13 |
| | 132 | " 22 | Flags for Legation. Two new ones requested. | 4/13 |
| | 133 | " 22 | Weather reports of Japan for Oct. Nov & Dec. 1885 & Jan Feb & Mar '86 transmitted. | 4/13 |
| | 134 | " 23 | Rent of Legation premises. Enc. account for $400 in payment of rent due Mar. 15/86 & receipt | 4/26 |
| | 135 | " 23 | 41-43 rec'd. | 4/26 |
| | 136 | " 29 | Wreck of Amer. vessel "Chehmeee". Gives names of Japanese who claimed to be rewarded for rescuing survivors. Enc. correspondence with V. Con. at Hiogo & Osaka. Reply to 34. | 4/26 |
| | 137 | " 31 | Statistical returns of Tokio for Oct, Nov & Dec. 1885 enc. | 4/26 |
| Frederick S. Mansfield, Secy of Legn. | — | " 31 | Account for transit enc. | 5/6 |
| W. A. Whitney, Interpreter. | — | Apr. 7 | Account for salary enc. | 5/6 |
| Edwin Dun, 2d Secy of Legn. | — | " 12 | Account for salary enc. | 5/6 |
| Richard B. Hubbard. | 138 | " 9 | 44-46 rec'd. | 5/6 |
| | 139 | " 9 | Account for rent of Court House & jail at Tokei enc. | 5/6 |
| | 140 | " 12 | Corea. Alleged expedition against from Japan. No reference has been made by Japan to refusal of U. S. Chargé in Corea to be medium of secret communication. The affair wears a very warm aspect. 44 ackd. | 5/6 |
| | 141 | " 12 | Account for salary, contingencies &c by exchange enc. | 5/6 |
| | 142 | " 12 | Blank forms of accounts requested. | 5/6 |
| | 143 | " 20 | Accounts (duplicates) enc. | 5/17 |
| | 144 | " 20 | Bridge building. Amer. & English methods compared. Pamphlet on enc. | 5/17 |
| | 145 | " 20 | Petroleum standard. Japanese govt. has fixed upon 115° burning test. Japan will take up the question if U. S. will intimate it had no objection to the proposed change in the tariff. | 5/17 |
| | 146 | " 21 | Gift of land for Legation premises by Japan. Min. For. Affs. gratifies at the bill introduced into Congress to appropriate money to build upon the land. | 5/17 |
| | 147 | " 22 | Revision of Treaties Conference to meet at Tokei May 1st. | 5/17 |
| | 148 | " 22 | Cholera epidemic of 1885. Report on transmitted. | 5/17 |

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| Richard B. Hubbard. | 149 | Apr. 22 | Trade report of Japan for 1885 transmitted with summary. | 5/17 |
| W. A. Whitney, Interpreter. | — | " 22 | Account for salary (duplicate) enc. | 5/17 |
| F. S. Mansfield, Secy of Legn. | — | " 22 | Account for salary (duplicate) enc. | 5/17 |
| Edwin Dun, 2d Secy of Legn. | — | " 23 | Account for salary (duplicate) enc. | 5/17 |
| Richard B. Hubbard. | 150 | " 23 | 147-55 recd. | 5/17 |
| | 151 | " 23 | Account for stationery. Explains charges objected to in Dept's 57. | 5/17 |
| | 152 | " 23 | Weather reports for Apr. 1886 transmitted. | 5/17 |
| | 153 | " 23 | Extradition treaty. Draft of, full power recd. Sd. Hubbard. | 5/17 |
| | 154 | " 27 | Newspapers - slips for the "Dallas Morning News" same paper pub. in Washg. & New York from July 86 | 5/27 |
| | 154½ | " 30 | Extradition treaty signed Apr. 29. Ratifications will be exchanged at Washington. | |
| | 155 | " 30 | Extradition treaty. Signed without change in draft. Ratifications to be exchanged in Washg. | 5/27 |
| | 156 | May 3 | Revision of Treaties. Meeting & organization of Conference for the Diet of Representatives | 5/27 |
| | 157 | " 3 | Trade report of Japan. Enc. same for January 1886 | 5/27 |
| | 158 | " 4 | Claim vs. Russia for outrage upon Capt. Peterson of Amer. vessel "Diana". Ref. to minister. 48 enc. letter from Consul at Kanagawa reporting against the claim. Minister concurs in rept. | 5/27 |
| | 159 | " 4 | Escape of Paymaster Watkins fr. U.S.S. "Despee". Facilities of Jap. Govt & Its Author. to effect his capture. Asks recognition of courtesies on the occasion by the Dept. | 5/27 |
| | 160 | " 4 | Shipping Laws of Japan. Ans. to Circular of July 18, 1885. | 5/27 |
| | 161 | " 5 | Coinage of Japan. Ans. to Circular of Jany. 18, 1886. | 5/27 |
| | 162 | " 12 | 56-58 & stationery received. | 6/9 |
| | 163 | " 20 | Cholera. Outbreak of at Kioto, Osaka & Hiogo. Quarantine regulations to be enforced against vessels from these ports. Enc. note from Min. For. Affs. his reply, letter to Am. Con. Gen. & notification. | 6/16 |
| | 164 | " 24 | Head inspector to U. S. Consulates. Enc. application of Dr. Stuart Eldridge for appointment as | 6/16 |
| | 165 | " 24 | Presentation of Wm. H. Parker, Min. to Corea & other Americans to Emperor reported. | 6/16 |
| F. S. Mansfield, Secy of Legn. | — | June 1 | Oath as Secy of Legn. enc. Asks Apr. 27. | 6/28 |
| Richard B. Hubbard. | 166 | " 2 | Claim of Messrs. Drake & Coddington owners of the "Hunter" vs Japan. Min. For. Affs has been asked to make an answer to Legn's representations. Asks 60. | 6/28 |
| | 167 | " 2 | Naturalization of Japanese in U. S. Asks if same is permitted by Law. Discussion of subject in public press. Its bad effect. Suggests that a convention be signed with Japan permitting same reciprocally if not now allowed. Enc. correspondence & law thereto rel. to. | 6/28 |
| | 168 | " 2 | Trade report of Japan for Feb & Mar. 1886 transmitted. | 6/28 |
| | 169 | " 2 | Flags for Legn. Recd. | 6/28 |
| | 170 | " 2 | Revision of Treaties Conference. Little accomplished & no result looked for. Encs drafts relating to the proposed revision of treaties. Thinks U.S. shd take independent action. | 6/28 |
| | 171 | " 2 | 74-77 recd. | 6/28 |
| | 172 | " 2 | Weather reports for May, 1886 & table of monthly yearly means & extremes for 1883, 4 & 5 transmitted | 6/28 |
| | 172bis | " 10 | Marine notice enc. | 7/6 |
| | 173 | " 10 | Revision of treaties Conference. More hope of a favorable result for Japan. Discussion of the new tariff to be imposed by Japan. Ad valorem tariff of 1882 adopted. Specific duty list still to be adopted. Mr. Hubbard has used his influence in favor of Japan. | 7/6 |
| | 174 | " 11 | Lacquer industry of Japan. Report & pamphlet rel. to enc. | 7/6 |
| | 175 | " 21 | Revision of treaties Conference. Enc. draft of a convention proposed by Brit. Min. & accepted by Japan. as the basis of the rejected project of 1882. Reports his conference with Brit. Min. Revised Tariff adopted. Amer. petroleum will pay an ad valorem duty 10 or 15% higher than at present. | 7/27 |
| | 176 | " 21 | 62-69 recd. | 7/27 |
| | 177 | " 21 | Gold medals & $25 each awarded to Japanese for services to Amer. vessels. Communicated to Foreign Office. Note to Min. For. Affs. enc. Refers to Dept's 68. | 7/27 |
| | 178 | " 22 | Blank forms requested in his 142 recd. | |
| | 179 | " 23 | Dictionary (Japanese - English) Desires permission to purchase same. Enc. letter from Interpreter. | 7/27 |
| | 180 | " 24 | Account for telegrams enc. | 7/27 |
| | 181 | " 24 | Furniture for Legn. Desires authority to purchase same. Memoranda rel. to & letter from Secretaries & Interpreter enc. | 7/27 |
| | 182 | " 24 | Tokyo or Japanese tea card. Translation of article on manufacture of enc. | 7/27 |

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| Richard B. Hubbard. | 183 | July 6 | Marine notice enc. | 8/4 |
| | 184 | " 6 | Weather reports for 1885 enc. | 8/4 |
| | 185 | " 8 | Visit of Gen. Count Saigo, Jap. Min. of the Navy & suite to U.S. to study naval matters announced [Introductory letter canceled] | 8/4 |
| | 186 | " 9 | Marine notice enc. | 8/4 |
| | ✓ 187 | " 9 | Revision of treaties. Conference. Adjournment of, to Oct. 5 next. Draft of "Revised Convention" accepted as a new proposition. Protocol of the Conference 1-7 enc. | 8/4 |
| | 188 | " 9 | Fourth of July. Celebration of. Dinner given by Mr Hubbard. Toasts &c. | 8/4 |
| | 189 | " 10 | Gracked. | 8/4 |
| | ✓ 190 | " 10 | Claim of Messrs Drake & Conklin, owners of the Monitor vs. Japan. If an answer is not soon rec'd patience will be exhausted. Refers to Dept's 60. | 8/4 |
| | ✓ 191 | " 10 | Naturalization of Japanese in U.S. Enc. newspaper article showing feeling in Japan on the Question which shd be authoritatively settled. Refers to his 167. | 8/4 |
| | 192 | " 10 | Accounts enc. | 8/4 |
| | 193 | " 12 | 70-76 rec'd. | 8/4 |
| | 194 | " 12 | Claims vs. Russia for outrage upon Capt Peterson of Amer vessel "Diana". Acknowledges in wh Dept corrects language in his 188. | 8/4 |
| | ✓ 195 | " 12 | Extradition treaty. It was signed to correspond exactly to the enclosed draft. No objection expected to the Senate amendments in punctuation. Ack'g 175. | 8/4 |
| Fred'k D. Mansfield, Secy of Legn | — | " 12 | Account for salary enc. | 8/4 |
| Edwin Dun 2d Secy of Legn. | — | " 12 | Account for salary enc. | 8/4 |
| Willis A. Whitney, Interpreter | — | " 12 | Account for salary enc. | 8/4 |
| Richard B. Hubbard. | 196 | " 14 | Trade Report of Japan for 1st qr. 1886 transmitted with comments. | 8/16 |
| | 197 | " 14 | Kanagawa. Recognition of C.R. Greathouse, as Con. Genl at, has been requested. | 8/16 |
| F.D. Mansfield Secy of Legn. | — | " 14 | Account for salary (duplicate) enc. | 8/16 |
| Richard B. Hubbard. | 198 | " 19 | Marine notice corrected to take place of that sent with his 186 enc. | 8/16 |
| | 199 | " 19 | Trade returns of Japan from 1868-1885 transmitted. Comments. | 8/16 |
| | 200 | " 19 | Accounts (duplicates) enc. | 8/16 |
| | 201 | " 20 | Cholera epidemic in Japan. Unhealthy habits of the natives. Note from Min for Affs enc. | 8/16 |
| | 202 | " 20 | Message of Legn. States he was dropped from the rolls on receipt of circ. of 6th inst. Asks if provision is made for his re-employment. Requests copy of Diplomatic Act. | 8/16 |
| Edwin Dun, 2d Secy of Legn. | — | " 20 | Account for salary (duplicate) enc. | 8/16 |
| W.A. Whitney, Interpreter. | — | " 21 | Account for salary & loss by exchange enc. Gives statement showing the relative loss & gain by exchange on drafts for salary on London & New York | 8/16 |
| Richard B. Hubbard | ✓ 203 ✓ | " 31 | Revision of treaties. Ad valorem duty of 15% to be imposed upon Kerosene. Asks how these specific duty rates are to be determined. Should all expenses such as Commissions, boxes &c. be included or only invoice prices. | 8/28 |
| | 204 | Aug 2 | Stationery requested | 8/28 |
| | 205 | " 2 | Foreign Relations and No 7/7 received | 8/28 |
| | — | " 2 | Salary. Requests letter of credit on new Bankers Edwin Dun W.A. Whitney | 8/28 |
| | — | " 3 | Accounts | 8/28 |
| | 206 | " 5 | Trade Report of Japan for May 1886 transmitted. | 9/2 |
| | ✓ 207 ✓ | " 7 | Corean refugee Kim Ok Kiun. He fled to Japan after the Corean revolution in 1884. He is now ordered to leave Japan. Enc. his letter to Mr. Hubbard asking protection. No reply has been made to them. | 9/7 |
| John A. Bingham late Minister | — | " 12 | Accounts. Amounts due him for loss by exchange. Asks if they are included in Deficiency Act. Refers to Dept's Feb. 5. | 8/24 |
| Richard B. Hubbard. | 208 | " 20 | 78-83 rec'd. | 9/7 |
| John A Bingham, late Minister | — | " 23 | Account for loss by exchange. Thanks for prompt settlement. Advice of draft. | 8/24 |
| Richard B. Hubbard. | 209 | " 27 | Corea. Recall of Minister Parker from & appointment of Saiga Tsuchi as Charge. Arrangements made with Adm. Davis for transportation of Mr. Parker to U.S. & of Mr. Tsuchi to Corea. Refers to list of Ministers. | 9/23 |
| | ✓ 210 ✓ | " 27 | Extradition Treaty. Exchange of ratifications will be made in return to capital of Min for Affs about Sept. 5. Refers to Dept's 83. | 9/23 |
| | 211 | Sept. 1 | Account for telegrams enc. | 9/23 |
| | 212 | " 1 | Account for rent. New account or voucher to be substituted for that with his 134 enc. Refers to it. | 9/23 |
| | 213 | " 9 | Cholera in Japan. Zenith of the spread of the Epidemic. Two foreigners & one hundred Statistics enc. | 9/16 |

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| Richard B. Hubbard. | 214 | Sept. 9 | Medical Journal ("Sei I Kwai Medical Journal") transmitted. | 10/6 |
| | 215+216 | " 10 | Accounts for rent + telegrams (duplicates) enc. | 10/6 |
| | 217 | " 16 | 85-90 + circ. of July 26 recd. | 10/5 |
| | 218 | " 16 | Circ. of July 26 ackd. | 10/5 |
| | √ Tel | " 17 | Extradition Treaty. Min For. Affs. admits inaccurate date of treaty - 87th year of Christian era - claims that original draft of convention was chronologically correct. | |
| | √ 219 | " 20 | Pardon of Peter C. Fullert, a German, sentenced by U.S. Consular Court at Kanagawa, for aiding in the escape of the defaulting Asst. Paymaster Watkins, U.S.N. Enc. Fullert's petition for which Mr. Hubbard endorses. Papers relating to the trial, decision of the court, petition &c. enc. | 10/5 |
| | 220 | " 21 | Visit of H.I.H. Prince Akihito, wife + suite to U.S. Requests courtesies for them. The Prince to inspect military systems of Europe. Note of Min For. Affs. announcing the visit enc. | 10/15 |
| | √ 221 | " 21 | Extradition Treaty. Objection to date of treaty in protocol of ratification. Min. For. Affs. states date should be 1886th + not 1887th yr. of Christian era. Date will be given as the year 1886. Text of tels. + note from Min. For. Affs. enc. Refers to Dept's 83. | 10/15 |
| | 222 | " 21 | Cholera in Japan. Abatement of. Reported. | 10/5 |
| | 223 | " 22 | Corea. Arrival of Mr. Parker, M.R. + C.G. to, at Yokohama en route for U.S. Reported. | 10/5 |
| | 224 | | No dispatch numbered 224 sent from Legation. [See Legn's 271.] | |
| | √ 225 | Nov. 30 | Extradition Treaty. Exchange copy enc. Ratifications were exchanged on 27 inst. | 10/27 |
| | √ Tel | " 27 | Extradition Treaty. Ratifications exchanged on this date. | |
| | √ 226 | " 30 | Revision of treaties Conference. Enc note from Min For. Affs. announcing postponement of meeting of, until Oct. 20. | 10/27 |
| | 227 | " 30 | Visit of H.I.H. Prince Akihito + wife to U.S. Enc. note from Min For. Affs. stating name of the Princess's lady in waiting. Refers to his 220. | 10/27 |
| | 228 | " 30 | 91-93 + circ of Aug 6 recd. also Congressional Records. | 10/27 |
| | 229 | " 30 | Account for telegrams for Dept. enc. | 10/27 |
| | √ 230 | Oct. 1 | Claim of Messrs Drake + Conklin, owners of the "Monitor" vs. Japan. Enc note from Min. For. Affs. stating that delay of owners in presenting the claim has necessitated some additional time for its examination. | 10/27 |
| Edwin Dun, 2d Secy of Legn. | — | " 1 | Account for salary enc. | 11/4 |
| Fred'k D. Mansfield, Secy of Legn. | — | " 5 | Account for salary enc. | 11/4 |
| W. A. Whitney, Interpreter. | — | " 11 | Account for salary enc. | 11/4 |
| Richard B. Hubbard. | 231 | " 5 | Account for telegrams (duplicate) enc. | 11/4 |
| | 232 | " 11 | Removal of Legn. during summer months outside of Tokio. Desires authorization for same, to preserve the health of its officials. Cholera will soon become endemic. Prevalence of the disease. | 11/4 |
| | 233 | " 11 | Account for salary + contingencies enc. | 11/4 |
| | √ 234 | √ " 11 | Revision of treaties Conference. Enc. newspaper article favoring the employment of foreign judges in Japanese tribunals. | 11/4 |
| | √ 235 | √ " 11 | Extradition Treaty. Newspaper comments favorable to enc. | 11/4 |
| | √ 236 | √ " 12 | China + Japan. Strained relations between growing out of a collision between Japanese police + Chinese men-of-war's men at Nagasaki. Newspaper article enc. | 11/4 |
| | √ 237 | √ " 12 | Gift of land for Legn. premises by Japan. The agent of the present leased buildings used by Legn. is endeavoring to sell them to Japan for presentation to U.S. instead of the land proposed to be presented. | 11/4 |
| | 238 | " 12 | Stationery + 94+95 recd. | 11/4 |
| Edwin Dun, 2d Secy of Legn. | — | " 12 | Letter of credit with Dept's Sept. 7 recd. | 11/4 |
| Richard B. Hubbard. | 239 | " 15 | Trade Reports of Japan for June 1886 transmitted. | 11/15 |
| | 240 | " 16 | Accounts (duplicates) enc. | 11/15 |
| | 241 | " 19 | Schools in Japan. Ordinances rel. to enc. | 11/15 |
| | 242 | " 20 | 96+97 recd. | 11/15 |
| F. D. Mansfield, Secy of Legn. | — | " 18 | Account for salary (duplicate) enc. | 11/15 |
| Edwin Dun, 2d Secy of Legn | — | " 18 | Account for salary (duplicate) enc. | 11/15 |
| W. A. Whitney, Interpreter. | — | " 13 | Account for salary (duplicate) enc. | 11/15 |
| Richard B. Hubbard | √ 243 | √ " 25 | Claim of Messrs. Drake + Conklin, owners of the "Monitor" vs Japan. Min. For. Affs. refuses indemnity on the ground that the evidence does not support the claim. Correspondence enc. | 11/23 |
| | 244 | " 25 | Trade reports of Japan for July 1886 transmitted. | 11/23 |

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| Richard B. Hubbard. | 245 | Nov. 10 | 98 acknd. | 12/6 |
| | 246-247 | " 10 | Publications. Report of Foreign Trade of Japan + Meteorological Reports transmitted. | 12/6 |
| | 248 | " 10 | Marine regulations of Naval Port of Yokosuka + note from Min. For. Affs. enc. | 12/6 |
| | ✓ 249 | " 11 | Revision of Treaties Conference. The English language adopted as the official language of the tribunals. Mr. Hubbard will protest against ad valorem duties being imposed on first price of goods plus the freightage &c. If necessary he will vote for the tariff under protest + ad referendum. Reports will soon be sent. | 12/6 |
| Gustavus Goward, late Secy. of Legn. | — | " 15 | Free entry of personal effects requested. Bills of lading + certificate enc. | 12/16 |
| Richard B. Hubbard. | 250 | " 16 | Trade (Brit) with Japan. Enc. newspaper article relative to the dangers which beset the trade. Mr. Hubbard thinks Amer. manufacturers cd. compete with European. | 12/16 |
| | 251 | " 18 | Books (School) presented to Legn. Library by A. S. Barnes + Co. through their agent F. Schroder. They have been accepted. List of enc. | 12/16 |
| | 252 | " 19 | Naval Port of Yokosuka. Gives certain addenda in Regulations of sent with his 248. | 12/16 |
| | 253 | " 24 | 99 + circ. of Oct. 23 recd. | 12/27 |
| | 254 | Dec. 1 | Consular reports recd. | 12/27 |
| | 255 | " 1 | Publications. Report of Time Standard Conference + Consular Reports No. 67 requested. | 12/31 |
| | 256 | " 8 | Dictionary (Websters Unabridged) Copy sent by publishers for Emperor of Japan. Mr. Hubbard has declined to forward but has accepted the copy sent to him for the Legn Library. Enc. correspondence with G. + C. Merriam + Dept's Dec 28/86. | 1/3 |
| | ✓ 257 | " 10 | Revision of Treaties Conference. Question of adoption of English + Japanese as the official language of the Mixed Courts settled in the affirmative. Mixed Court to consist of a majority of foreign judges to be in force seventeen years. Enc. protocol of 8th session rel. to commercial convention. Further protocols will be sent when printed. | 1/3 |
| | ✓ 258 | " 10 | China + Japan. Difficulty between growing out of riot at Nagasaki. Joint commission to settle same dissolved. The matter will probably be settled diplomatically. Newspaper cuttings enc. | 1/3 |
| | 259 | " 10 | Cholera epidemic in Japan. Statistics enc. | 1/3 |
| | ✓ 260 | " 10 | Brit. + China. Rumor that the former will transfer Port Hamilton to latter. Newspaper article enc. | 1/3 |
| | 261 | " 16 | 100-107 recd. | 1/15 |
| | 262 | " 16 | Publication. Monthly Foreign Trade Report of China for Sept. '86 enc with comments. | 1/15 |
| | ✓ 263 | " 20 | Treaty Revision Conference. Five protocols 9, 10 + 11 relative to language to be used in the Mixed Tribunals + Annex to Protocol 11 being annex to the amendment proposed by 2d Delegate of Japan to the draft of the jurisdictional convention + proposition of French Delegate to Art. 11 of draft of jurisdictional convention. The French delegate finally voted for the proposition making Japanese English the judicial language, but filed a protest | 1/15 |
| | 264 | " 20 | Newspaper criticism on Mr. Hubbard's trade report published by Dept. Enc. Extracts from an Amer. + Japanese newspapers published in Japan repelling the hostile assertions of the England Japanese Press. | 1/15 |
| | 265 | " 24 | Circ. of Nov. 18 recd. | 1/21 |
| | 266 | " 24 | Seal + otter hunting regulations of Japan + note of Min. For. Affs. enc. U.S. Consuls have been informed. | 1/21 |
| | ✓ 267 | " 29 | Revision of Treaties Conference. Attempt to amend propositions already accepted in principle, delay the work + threatens to defeat the objects of the session. Three amendments offered by Mr. Hubbard + Brit. Min. Enc. Protocol No. 12 contg his remarks. | 1/21 |
| | | 1887 | | |
| Edwin Dun. 2d Secy of Legn. | — | Jan. 1 | Account for salary enc. | 2/1 |
| Frederick S. Mansfield, Secy of Legn. | — | " 4 | Account for salary enc. | 2/1 |
| W. A. Whitney, Interpreter. | | " 5 | Account for salary enc. | 2/1 |
| Richard B. Hubbard. | ✓ 268 | " 5 | Revision of treaties Conference. Enc. draft law of constitution of Japanese Imperial Courts of Justice. Its provisions considered admirable. The Conference meets again Jan 8th | 2/1 |
| | 269 | " 6 | 103-105 recd. | 2/1 |
| | ✓ 270 | " 7 | Revision of Treaties Conference. Gratification that his views on the basis on which duty on petroleum shd. be levied are approved. He will insist that Amer. exports to Japan shall pay duty on basis of average value at place of shipment, exclusive of freight + other charges. 104 acknd | 2/1 |
| | 271 | " 7 | Missing Legn's 224. States that his telegram of Sept 27 was numbered 224. | 2/1 |
| W. A. Whitney, Interpreter. | — | " 8 | Account for salary (duplicate) enc. | 2/12 |
| Richard B. Hubbard. | 272 | " 15 | 106 acknd. | 2/12 |

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| Richard B. Hubbard. | 273 | Jan. 15 | Account enc. | 2/12 |
| | 274 | " 17 | Message (annual) of Pres't. sent to Foreign Office. Attention called to expressions rel. to Japan. appreciation of action Fr. Off'p. Correspondence enc. | 2/2 |
| | 275 | " 18 | Revision of Treaties Conference. States that he will oppose the insertion as articles of the new Commercial convention of articles of the Trade Regulations, not being in conformity with the views as to import duty expressed in Dept's 105. A compromise suggestion as to duty on petroleum. Enc. annexes to Protocol 8, contg Report of Tariff Com'tee Trade Regulations etc | 2/2 |
| | 276 | " 18 | Trade Reports of Japan for Oct 1886 transmtd. Summary of contents. | 2/12 |
| Edwin Dun, 2d Secy of Legn. | — | " 18 | Account for salary (duplicate) enc. | 2/12 |
| F. S. Mansfield, Secy of Legn. | | " 24 | Account for salary (duplicate) enc. | 2/28 |
| Richard B. Hubbard. | 277 | " 26 | Extradition Treaty. Copies of distributed among consuls & dipl. corps | 2/28 |
| | 278 | " 26 | Revision of Treaties Conference. Protocol No. 13 enc. | 2/28 |
| | 279 | " 27 | Accounts (duplicates) enc. | 2/28 |
| | 280 | " 29 | Revision of Treaties Conference. Protocol No. 14 enc. Calls attention to his remarks on judicial jurisdiction. | 2/28 |
| | 281 | " 29 | University of Japan. Catalogue of, for 1886-7 enc. | 2/28 |
| | 282 | " 29 | Trade between U. S. Japan Enc. newspaper article showing the increase of & proposing reciprocity. | 2/28 |
| | 283 | " 31 | Diplomatic & consular service of U. S. in Japan. Complimentary newspaper article enc. | 2/28 |
| | 284 | " 31 | 108-110 rec'd. | 2/28 |
| | 285 | " 31 | Stationery requested. | 2/28 |
| | 286 | Feb. 1 | Revision of Treaties Conference. Protocol No. 15 enc. | 2/28 |
| | 287 | " 8 | Educational Ordinances of Japan transmtd. | 3/7 |
| | 288 | " 8 | Trade of Japan for Nov. 1886. Monthly Returns transmitted, with comments. | 3/7 |
| | 289 | " 8 | Law School (English) at Tokio. Annual celebration of. Enc newspaper report of the speeches. | 3/7 |
| | 290 | " 10 | Contingencies. Enc list of extra expenses which he desires to draw for, as the increased allowance. Refers to Dept's 108. | 3/7 |
| | 291 | " 10 | Revision of Treaties Conference. Protocol No. 16 transmtd. | 3/7 |
| | 292 | " 18 | 111-115 rec'd. | 3/22 |
| | 293 | " 18 | Treaty Revision Conference. Protocol No. 17, contg his remarks enc. | 3/22 |
| | 294 | " 18 | Gold medals & $25. each awarded to two Japanese for services to Amer. vessel "Cashmere" sent to For'n Office. Refers to Dept's 68 & 115. | 3/22 |
| | 295 | " 21 | Gold medals $25. each awarded to two Japanese for services to Amer vessel "Cashmere". Receipts account enc. Refers to Dept's 115. | 3/22 |
| | 296 | " 21 | Revision of Treaties Conference. Enc. statement of Mr. Hubbard to Tariff Com'tee of the Conference as to mode of ascertaining the dutiable value of petroleum. | 3/22 |
| | 297 | " 22 | Army of Japan. Report of Japanese Min. of War transmitted. Summary enc. | 3/22 |
| | 298 | Mch. 5 | China & Japan. Difficulty between growing out of riot at Nagasaki. The matter settled. The participants to be tried if guilty delivered up for punishment. | 3/3 |
| | 299 | " 7 | Treaty revision conference. Protocols 18 and 19 transmitted | 7/13 |
| | 300 | " 7 | Publication. List of Japanese Lighthouses transmtd. | 3/31 |
| | 301 | " 8 | 116-117 reports of Jan. 14 & circ. of Jan 22 rec'd. | 3/31 |
| | 302 | " 8 | Railways. Proposed building of by Americans in Japan. Enc. newspaper extracts | 3/31 |
| | 303 | " 17 | Postal Service of Japan. Report of P. M. G. for 1886 enc. with comments. | 4/12 |
| | 304 | " 17 | Accident caused by bursting of a shell thrown from U. S. S. "Omaha" while at target practice. Two Japanese killed & seven wounded. The shell picked up by them, exploded while being examined at a village near Nagasaki. Enc. correspondence with Con. at Nagasaki, report of Japanese official, letter from Capt. Selfridge of the "Omaha" detailing the occurrence & note from Min. For. Affs. of Mar. 3/87 rel. to regulations to be observed by vessels in target practice. | 4/12 |
| | 305 | " 18 | Visit to U. S. of Maj. Gen. Takeshiro Nagayama to collect agricultural information. Requests courtesies for him. Enc. note from Min. For. Affs. | 4/12 |
| | 306 | " 18 | Account for rent of court house & jail at Tokio enc. | 4/12 |
| | 307 | " 18 | Revision of Treaties Conference. Enc. protocol No. 20 containing remarks by Mr Hubbard | 4/12 |
| | 308 | " 18 | Accident (killing of Japanese) caused by bursting of a shell thrown from U. S. S. "Omaha". Japan satisfied with action taken by Adm. No claim for indemnity will be made. Suggests that U. S. make a gratuitous gift to the sufferers. Over $700 subscribed by members of the squadron. Enc. | 4/12 |

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| W. A. Whitney, Interpreter. | ~ | Apl. 2 | Account for salary enc. | 4/29 |
| Richard B. Hubbard. | 309 | " S | Tobacco seeds for Dept. of Agriculture + note from Min. For. Affs. enc. Refers to Dept's Nov. 29/86 to Con. Gen'l at Yanagawa. | 4/29 |
| | 310 | " S | Alphabet (Roman) Society in Japan. Its object to introduce the use of the Roman instead of the Chinese character in Japanese writings. Enc. newspaper account of the meeting of the society + speeches by Mr. Hubbard + others | 4/29 |
| | 311 | " S | 118 + circs. of Feb. 8, 17 + 23 recd. | 4/29 |
| | 312 | " S | Account for rent of Legn. premises. Enc. letter from Comptroller. Asks if a deficiency bill has been passed wh. will relieve him of the charge against him for his draft for $3400. for rent. | 4/29 |
| | 313 | " S | Publication. List of Japanese Merchant vessels transmitted. | 4/29 |
| | Tel | " H | Revision of Treaties Conference. Apptmt of foreign judges of the mixed courts. All delegates of European powers have recd secret guarantee as to their apportionment of judges. U. S. has not been consulted. Requests authorization to say that U. S. will not discuss the question in Washington + to insist on guarantee of fair apportionment of judges. | |
| | 314 | " S | Revision of Treaties Conference. Enc. Draft Consular Convention + draft of proposed Treaty of Commerce + Navigation | 4/29 |
| | 315 | " S | Revision of Treaties Conference. Apptmt of foreign judges to the mixed tribunals. States that an apportionment has been agreed upon by secret conference with all other Ministers except that of U. S. The pretext is that the subject of apportionment is to be agreed upon through Jap. Mins abroad. Ask that Dept. authorize him to insist upon an agreement as to apportionment in Japan. Refers to Tel. of 4 inst. | 4/29 |
| | 316 | " S | Revision of Treaties Conference. Enc. protocol No. 21 containing speech of Mr. Hubbard on judicial procedure. | 4/29 |
| | 317 | " C | Accounts enc. | 5/7 |
| | 318 | " C | Account for rent of Legn. buildings (duplicate) enc. | 5/7 |
| Edwin Dun, 2d Secy of Legn. | ~ | " C | Account for salary enc. | 5/7 |
| Richard B. Hubbard. | 319 | " Q | Decoration conferred by Emperor upon Dr. J. C. Cattle, lately Professor at the Imperial College at Sapporo. Enc. note announcing same. | 5/7 |
| | 320 | " Q | Revision of Treaties Conference. Apportionment of judges of the treaty powers for the Mixed courts. Enc. note from Min. For. Affs. promising that U. S. shall have as many judges as any other power. A verbal promise also made that U. S. shd. have as many public prosecutors as any other power. | 5/7 |
| Fred'k D. Mansfield, Secy of Legn. | ~ | " H | Account for salary + loss by exchange enc. | 5/7 |
| Richard B. Hubbard. | 321 | " H | 118/18-19 recd. | 5/7 |
| | 322 | " H | Revision of Treaties Conference. Protocol No. 22 enc. | 5/7 |
| W. A. Whitney, Interpreter. | ~ | " H | Account for salary (duplicate) enc. | 5/7 |
| Richard B. Hubbard | 323 | " 18 | Trade of Japan for Dec. 1886. Monthly returns transmitted with comment | 5/18 |
| Fred'k D. Mansfield Secy of Leg | ~ | " 18 | Account | 5/18 |
| Richard B. Hubbard | 324 | " 18 | Account for telegrams | 5/18 |
| | 325 | " 21 | Account for salary and contingent expenses | 5/18 |
| Edwin Dun 2d Sec of Leg | ~ | " 22 | Account for salary | 5/18 |
| Richard B. Hubbard | 326 | " 22 | Revision of Treaties Conference. Articles, Amendments, and propositions adopted by the Conference up to 23 April 1887 enclosed | 5/18 |
| | 327 | " 22 | Budget for 1887-1888 enclosed | 5/18 |
| | 328 | " 23 | Revision of Treaties Conference. Protocol No 23 enc. | 5/18 |
| | 329 | " 30 | Port Hamilton. Official history of its occupation by Eng. Brit. Newspaper article enc | 5/31 |
| | 330 | May 2 | Account for telegrams (duplicate) enc. | 5/31 |
| | 331 | " 3 | Revision of Treaties Conference. Full quota of judges of Mixed courts will be insisted on as a condition precedent to signing the treaty. Text of telegram. Refers to his 315. | 5/31 |
| | 332 | " 3 | Coinage &c. in Japan. Information for Treasury translated. Reply to circ of Jan 14 | 5/31 |
| | 333 | " H | Revision of Treaties Conference. Work on the jurisdictional convention completed. The work of amending the draft of the Commercial Convention will now begin. Amer + French delegates added to the Special Committee. Addition of cost of transportation insurance &c. a 15% ad valorem duty on tobacco opposed by Mr. Hubbard. Refers to Dept's 105. | 5/31 |
| | Tel | " H | Revision of Treaties Conference. Trade Regulations. He has agreed to nothing except on basis of Dept's 105. If Japan is informed that withdrawal of objections is at discretion of U. S. Min. favorable action on petroleum can be obtained. Refers to his 269. | |

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Richard B. Hubbard. | 334 | May 12 | Revision of Treaties Conference. Trade Regulations. Proposed addition of freight, insurance & commission in calculating ad valorem duties on petroleum. States he will finally withdraw his opposition but not until concessions are made. Got. Brit. has obtained good terms for her principal import. Gives text of telegrams. | 6/6 |
| | 335 | 12 | Corea. Naval vessel desired by Min to Corea on account of embarrassed relations. U.S.S "Marion" has sailed for Chemulpo. No further particulars of the difficulty received. | 6/6 |
| | 336 | 12 | Account for telegrams enc. | 6/6 |
| | 337 | 16 | 120-123 & circs. of Offs. 9 & 15 ucd. | 6/15 |
| | 338 | 20 | Revision of Treaties Conference. Enc. Jurisdictional convention as amended by the Conference | 6/15 |
| | 339 | 20 | Trade (British) with Japan. Enc. article rel. to & protest of Brit. merchants against the undue favoritism shown to German merchants by intrigues of German Legn. & protest against the report of Brit. V. Con. at Tokio. | 6/15 |
| | 3110 | 21 | Account for telegrams (duplicates) enc. | 6/15 |
| | 3111 | 23 | Publication. Report of Japanese Post Office Dept. enc. | 6/15 |
| | 342 | 23 | Revision of Treaties Conference. See Protocols 25 & 26. | 6/15 |
| | 3113 | 23 | Stationery requested. | 6/15 |
| | 3114 | June 1 | Rescue of Japanese fishermen by U.S.S "Essex". Enc. note of thanks of Min. For. Affs & newspaper account of the rescue. | 6/27 |
| | 3115 | 1 | 124-130 ucd. | 6/27 |
| | 3116 | 2 | Trade Report of Japan for 1886 transmitted & summarized. | 6/27 |
| | 3117 | 2 | Railway material (Amer) for Japan. Enc newspaper article commending same. | 6/27 |
| | 3118 | 7 | Trade Report of Japan for Jan. 1887 transmitted. | 7/5 |
| | 349 | 9 | Revision of Treaties Conference. Specific duty on petroleum. Calls attention to discrepancy between the telegram shown him by Vice Min of For. Affs & that sent to Japanese Min. to U.S. The commercial convention not jeopardized by Mr. Hubbard's action. He will endeavor to prevent discrimination against Amer. petroleum. Text of telegrams enc. Refers to Dispt 130. | 7/5 |
| | 350 | 9 | Tofu beans for W. H. McKinney transmitted. Refers to Dispt 116. | 7/5 |
| | 351 | 18 | Trade report of Japan for Feb. 1887 transmitted. | 7/14 |
| | Tel | 21 | Revision of Treaties Conference. Specific duty on petroleum not more than 20 cents silver per case possibly 18 the best that can be done without defeating proposed Art 5. Ask if he shall accept the condition. | |
| | 352 | 22 | Revision of Treaties Conference. Mr. Hubbard has secured the insertion of a separate article in the treaty between Hawaii & Japan providing that the most favored nation clause shall not include special favors granted for a special return. | 7/25 |
| | Tel | 25 | Revision of Treaties Conference. Specific duty on petroleum. "What maximum specific duty may I accept?" Your telegram mutilated. | 7/25 |
| | 353 | 27 | Revision of Treaties Conference. Specific duty on petroleum. He will notify Japanese delegates that 18 cents silver in case of 10 gallons is the maximum U.S. will accept. Text of tels. | 7/25 |
| Frederick S. Mansfield Secy of Legn | | 30 | Account for salary enc. | 7/25 |
| W. A. Whitney. Interpreter. | | 30 | Account for salary enc. | 7/25 |
| Edwin Dun 2d Secy. of Legn. | | 30 | Account for salary enc. | 8/1 |
| Richard B. Hubbard. | 354 | 30 | Accounts enc. | 8/1 |
| Frederick S. Mansfield Secy of Legn | | July 6 | Account for salary (duplicate) enc. | 8/1 |
| Richard B. Hubbard. | 355 | 14 | Stationery & blank forms requested. | 8/10 |
| | 356 | 14 | Trade Report of Japan for Mar. 1887 transmitted. | 8/10 |
| | 357 | 18 | 131-141 medicines dated May 10 & 23. | 8/10 |
| | 358 | 18 | Revision of Treaties Conference. Reports his action & objections to the action of the Commercial Committee when he was not present. Enc. Report of Commercial Comtee, Treaty of Commerce &c. as amended by the Comtee & draft of Harbor Regulations. | 8/10 |
| | 359 | 18 | Revision of Treaties Conference. Full quota of judges for U.S. will be insisted on as a condition to signing the treaty. Gratification at approval of his course in Dispt 136. | 8/10 |
| Edwin Dun, 2d Secy. of Legn. | | 20 | Account for salary (duplicate) enc. | 8/25 |
| Willis A Whitney. Interpreter. | | 22 | Account for salary (duplicate) enc. | 8/25 |
| Richard B. Hubbard | 360 | 22 | Accounts (duplicates) enc. | 8/25 |
| | 361 | 23 | Astronomical Expedition to observe eclipse of sun Aug 19 has been extended to Dec. | 8/25 |

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| Richard B. Hubbard. | ✓362 | July 29 | Chicago Military Encampment. Japan will attend troops to. Correspondence enc. | 9/5 |
| | ✓363 | " 28 | Revision of Treaties. Enc. protocol No 27. Conference postponed until Dec. Rumored objections of certain members of the Cabinet to some features of the Jurisdictional Convention. | 9/3 |
| | ✓364 | " 29 | Revision of Treaties. Comment of the press on the resignation of the leader of the opposition in the Cabinet. Another reason given for the postponement of the Conference | 9/3 |
| | ✓365 | Aug 8 | Revision of Treaties. Conference adjourned sine die. Enc. note from Foreign Office making the announcement. Opposition in a part of the Cabinet to the revision. Enc. newspaper extracts | 9/3 |
| | 366 | " 8 | 142-148 & Stationery received | 9/3 |
| | ✓367 | " 9 | School Books (Am.) fraudulently imitated in Japan. Complaint of Dixon, Bleakman & Co will be presented to the Foreign Office | 9/3 |
| | ✓368 | " 25 | Revision of treaties Conference. Enc. duplicate of protocol 27 & annexes. Ref to this 363. | 9/19 |
| | 369 | " 29 | 192, circ. of July 9 & Protocol & Final Convention of Industrial Property rec'd. | 10/6 |
| | ✓370 | " 29 | Extradition regulations of Japan enc. | 10/6 |
| | ✓371 | " 31 | Revision of treaties Conference. Enc. printed note of Min. For. Affs. to the Foreign Delegates adjourning the Conference sine die. States his opinion that Japan will soon prepare her code & reopen the conference. He has stated that U.S. is ready now to grant full autonomy to Japan, either alone or with other powers. | 10/6 |
| | 372 | Sept 1 | Stationery requested. | 10/6 |
| | 373 | " 2 | Trade report of Japan for Aff. 1887 transmitted. | 10/6 |
| | 374 | " 3 | Newspapers. Requests subscriptions renewed. | 10/6 |
| | 375 | " 9 | Pay & allowances of Japanese army. Doc. rel. to, will be sent when translated. Refers to circ. of Aff. 45. | 10/10 |
| | 376 | " 13 | 150-151 rec'd. | 10/10 |
| | 377 | " 17 | Political. Count Ito appt'd temporarily Min. For. Affs. vice Count Inouye resigned | 10/10 |
| | ✓378 | " 21 | Astronomical Expedition (Amer.) to observe eclipse of the sun. Enc. report of Prof. D. P. Todd rel. to. Thanks for courtesies have been extended to Japanese govt. | 10/24 |
| | 379 | " 21 | Fruit trees of Japan. Diseased condition of. Report of Prof. Holland rel. to & suggesting protection against their importation enc. | 10/24 |
| | ✓380 | " 22 | Murder of a Japanese sailor on the high seas by M. L. Hawes, Capt of Amer. ship "Freeman." Enc. note from Foreign Office making the complaint & statement of the Japanese sailors. Mr. Hubbard has informed Foreign Office (note enc.) of the necessary procedure. U.S. Con. at Batavia did not entertain the charge. | 10/24 |
| | 381 | " 22 | Political. Resignation of Count Inouye as Min. For. Affs. Newspaper articles enc. | 10/24 |
| | ✓382 | " 24 | Chicago Military Encampment. Japan will send Col. Yamaguchi, to attend same. Requests courtesies for him. Enc. note from Foreign Office. | 10/24 |
| | ✓383 | " 24 | Discriminating duties (tonnage & port dues) Proposed reciprocal abolition of under provisions of Shipping Act of Jun. 19, 1886. Japan cannot under existing treaties accept the invitation of U.S. Reply of Japan enc. Refers to circ. of July 9. | 10/24 |
| | 384 | " 26 | 152-153 rec'd. | 10/24 |
| | 385 | " 26 | Stationery. Dispatch book requested. | 10/24 |
| | ✓386 | " 27 | Industrial property Convention. States he will soon seek an interview with Min. For. Affs. to induce Japan to join same. Refers to Dept's 147. | 10/24 |
| | ✓387 | " 28 | Seal Fisheries in Behring's Sea. Convention to protect same. Min. For. Affs. has been asked to name an early day to discuss same. Refers to Dept's 153. | 10/24 |
| | ✓Tel | " 29 | Seal Fisheries in Behring's Sea. Convention to protect same. Japan requests treaty regulations & contracts rel. to seal fisheries in order to enable it to the protection desired for them. | |
| | ✓388 | " 29 | Seal Fisheries in Behrings Sea. Convention to protect same. Explains tel. of even date. | 10/24 |
| Edwin Dun 2d Sec of Leg | ~ | " 30 | Accounts | 11/1 |
| Frederick D. Mansfield | ~ | Oct 3 | Accounts | 11/1 |
| Richard B. Hubbard | 389 | " 6 | Account | 11/1 |
| | 390 | " 7 | Decoration of the Rising Sun upon Paymaster J. D. Barton, U.S.N. conferred by Japan | 11/1 |
| | 391 | " 7 | Digest of international law. Appendix received | 11/1 |
| Willis A. Whitney | ~ | " 8 | Accounts & Advice of draft (Two dispatches) | 11/1 |
| Richard B. Hubbard | 392 | " 8 | Political. Circular instructions to Governors of cities and prefectures showing the relations between Emperor and the officials & the people | 11/1 |
| | ✓393 | " 10 | Seal Fisheries in Behring sea. Convention to protect the same. Japan wishes to include Bering Sea & to enlarge the protected zone to include Japanese waters | 11/1 |

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| Richard B. Hubbard | 394 | Oct 10 | Trade between America and Japan and China Enc with comments on extract from the Australian and South American | 11/1 |
| Frederick S Mansfield Sec'y Leg | — | " 13 | Account | 11/25 |
| Edwin Dun 2d Sec'y Leg | — | " 20 | Account | 11/25 |
| Richard B Hubbard | 395 | " 24 | Account | 11/25 |
| | 396 | " 24 | 154-155 received | 11/25 |
| | 397 | " 27 | Army of Japan pay, allowance &c. Report is enclosed | 11/25 |
| | 398 | " 26 | Trial of John Kernan charged with murder in the Emperor's Imperial Court on the associate dissenting from verdict the case came before the Ministers of Court. Ministers opinion in case granting a new trial enclosed | 11/25 |
| | 399 | " 28 | Mint of Japan. Report of Commissioner enclosed | 11/25 |
| | 400 | " 28 | Trade report for May enclosed | 11/25 |
| | 401 | " 28 | Budget of Japan. Report on the methods employed in framing & submitting enclosed | 11/25 |
| Willis A Whitney Interpreter | — | " 28 | Account | 11/25 |
| Richard B Hubbard | 402 | Nov 7 | Request for Dep'ts book, "Cattle & Dairy Farming" sent to Prof. Georgeson | 12/3 |
| | 403 | " 7 | Foreign trade of Japan. Returns of forwarded. | 12/3 |
| | 404 | " 9 | Covers sent to Legation & addressed to Minister Denby at Peking. Supposes same to be an error of mailing clerk in Dep't'mt. | 12/3 |
| | 405 | " 19 | School books of A S Barnes & Co said to be fraudulently imitated in Japan. Gens interview with Min for Affs & was informed by him that if the matter were left to the exclusive jurisdiction of Japanese Courts, favorable decision as to reprints of Am books could be reached | 12/13 |
| | 406 | " 19 | Dep'ts Nos 156, 159 rec'd. 157 & 158 not yet rec'd. | 12/13 |
| | 407 | " 28 | "Warning for Japan" Transmits clipping fr Chinese Times showing consequences to Japan of failure of treaty negotiations & comments thereon | 12/22 |
| | 408 | " 28 | Foreign Trade of Japan. Report of for July transmitted | 12/22 |
| | 409 | " 28 | Trade relations with U S. Transmits clipping fr Fiji Shimpos advocating retaliation of | 12/22 |
| | 410 | " 29 | Decoration of 4th order of Rising Sun bestowed on Lieut. Schroeder U.S. Navy. | 12/22 |
| | 411 | " 29 | Nos 157 & 158 rec'd. | 12/22 |
| | 412 | " 29 | Nos 161-168 incl. rec'd Has been for despatches & circular Oct 24, 1887 | 12/22 |
| | 413 | " 29 | Decl of Hon E Bloodhum Appropriate means of respect same been paid | 12/22 |
| | 414 | Dec 9 | Telegraph system of Japan. Transmits Docs on & resume thereof | 1/7 |
| | 415 | " 9 | Text of telegram which he will send to-morrow | 1/7 |
| Jee | — | " 12 | Corea. Ministers fr to U.S. sailed for San Francisco last Saturday | 1/16 |
| | 413½ | " 17 | Revision of Treaties. Transmits memorial of Viscount Saisi & Emperor in opposition to | 1/16 |
| | 416 | " 23 | Foreign trade of Japan. Monthly return of transmitted | 1/21 |
| | 417 | " 28 | Discriminating duties, tonnage & port dues). Copy of note of Japanese For. Off. in reply to note No 164 proposing mutual abolition of, saying no tonnage dues are levied in Japanese ports | 1/21 |
| | 418 | " 28 | Statistical report fr. Japan. Gives advance statistics population &c. | 1/21 |
| | 419 | " 28 | Political Excitement & publication of Imperial Rescript ordering closing of all secret societies & assemblages & comments on said order. | 1/21 |
| Frederick S Mansfield Sec'y Legn | — | " 31 | Accounts. Salary. | 2/3 |
| Edwin Dun 2d Sec'y Legn | — | Jan 1888 6 | Accounts Salary | 2/3 |
| | 420 | " 6 | Kellog. 172 incl. rec'd. | 2/3 |
| | 421 | " 6 | Consular Report No 84 requested | 2/3 |
| | 422 | " 6 | Foreign Trade of Japan. Reports sent | 2/3 |
| | 423 | " 6 | Accounts Salary, Telegrams, contingent expenses | 2/3 |
| | 424 | " 7 | Presidents message & reports from Departments requested. | 2/13 |
| Willis A Whitney, Interpreter | — | " 7 | Accounts Salary | 2/13 |
| Richd. B. Hubbard | 425 | " 13 | Accounts. Duplicate for 4th quarter 1887 | 2/19 |
| | 426 | " 13 | Newspaper regulations. Imp. Ordinance No 73 relative to furnished | 2/19 |
| Frederick S Mansfield, Sec'y Leg | — | " 12 | Accounts. Duplicate salary 4th quart. 1887. | 2/19 |
| Edwin Dun, 2d Sec'y Leg | — | " 17 | Accounts. Dup. salary 4th quart. 1887 | 2/19 |
| Willis A Whitney, Interpr. | — | " 9 | Accounts. Dup. salary 4th quart. | 2/19 |
| Richd. B. Hubbard | 427 | " 16 | Trial of John Kernan charged with murder in Gen Imp. Court. Has been convicted of manslaughter & sentenced to 3 yrs 2 mos imprisonment | 2/8 |

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| Richd B. Hubbard | 428 | Jan 27 | Copy. right regulations of Japan. Encl clippings fr. newspapers describing them | 2/24 |
| | 429 | " 27 | Pharmacopoea (Japanese) Decree that Central Hygienic Laboratory will only be allowed to medicines prepared in conformity with. Encl. copies of Pharmacoppea Japonica | 2/24 |
| | 430 | " 28 | Murder of Japanese sailor on high seas by M. S. Howes, master Am. bk Freeman. Reply to Dept. No 175. Fears text of telegram 25 Jan. Will report what further can be done | 2/24 |
| | Tel | " 25 | Same subject. Japan will send witnesses if U.S. will pay expenses. | |
| | 431 | " 20 | Same subject. Dept. tel. read & contents given to Japan Govt. Witnesses start soon | 2/24 |
| | 432 | Feb. 1 | Political. Count Shigenobu Okuma, newly appointed Minister For. Affs. Congratulatory correspondence & account of interview | 2/3 |
| | 433 | " 9 | Murder of Japanese sailor by Howes. Govt is tracing witnesses | 2/3 |
| | 434 | " 7 | Accounts. Telegrams | 3/8 |
| | 435 | " 17 | Extraterritorial question. Refers to his opinion as set forth in his no. 398 and sends copy of communication from Ex. Chief Justice Roberts of Texas on subject | 3/17 |
| | 436 | " 17 | Minister. New Japanese for U.S. Munemitsu Mutsu has been appointed. States his record & his qualifications | 3/17 |
| | 437 | " 20 | Murder of Japanese sailor on high seas by M. S. Howes. Min. For. Affs. suggests that U.S. Cons. Genl. at Kanagawa take charge of witnesses. Will send them Mar 3. Encloses copies of correspondence | 3/17 |
| | 438 | " 20 | Type-writer. Wants to buy one for the Legn. | 3/17 |
| | 439 | " 21 | Accounts. Telegrams | 3/17 |
| | Tel | " 23 | Murder of Japanese sailor on high seas. Asks that Cons. Genl be casted to draw not over $400 to pay passage &c witnesses. | |
| | 440 | Mar. 9 | No 173-186 incl. recd. Also Cons. Regt. 84 Pres. Message on Security life at Sea, Supplementary Convention with Hawaii &c Doc. no. 61, 50 Cong 1 Sess | 4/7 |
| | 441/442 | " 9 | Trade Rept (Japan) Oct & Nov. 1887 sent | 4/7 |
| | 443 | " 10 | Book for recording notes requested. | 4/7 |
| | 444 | " 10 | Watch (works of) stolen from Mr. Shedwick, saving him recovered, forwarded | 4/7 |
| | 445 | " 10 | Trade Rept (Japan) Dec. 87 sent. | 4/7 |
| | 446 | " 10 | Light Houses 3 Copies list of Japanese sent | 4/7 |
| | 447 | " 10 | Accounts. Telegrams | 4/7 |
| | 448 | " 12 | Disappearance of Am. Schr. "Reed" from San Luis de Apra, Marianas Isls. 1st Feb. 88. Encl note fr. Spanish Chargé reporting same, & copy circular issued to U.S. representatives in South Sea Isls. & to men of war to capture the vessel | 4/7 |
| | 449 | " 13 | Salaries of Consuls. Calls attention to pending bill in Congress increasing & maintaining Consulship at Osaka & Hiogo entitled to higher salary than is allowed in said bill. | 4/7 |
| | 450 | " 13 | Whereabouts of Hon. Geo P. Marsh, formerly minister, requested for Prof. B. H. Chamberlain. | 4/7 |
| | 451 | " 13 | Murder of Japanese sailor on high seas. Witnesses sent. Explains cause of telegram of 23 Feb. & encl. correspondence with For. Off | 4/7 |
| | 452 | " 20 | Discriminating duties (tonnage & port dues) Reply to Dept's No. 186. Encl. copy note For. Off referring to information as given in his no. 383. | 4/21 |
| | 453 | " 20 | Account for Court House & Jail. Account for rent for 4 yrs past | 4/21 |
| | 454 | " 20 | Accounts. Telegrams | 4/21 |
| | 455 | " 20 | Contract for rented house of Court House & jail. Asks ratification of | 4/21 |
| Willis R. Whitney, Interpreter | ~ | Apr. 2 | Accounts. Quarterly. | 4/30 |
| Richd B. Hubbard | 456 | " 3 | Minister to U.S. will leave 3d inst for San Francisco | 4/30 |
| Frank S. Mansfield, Secy. Legn. | ~ | Mar. 31 | Accounts. Quarterly. | 5/5 |
| Edwin Dun, 2d Secy. Legn | ~ | " 31 | Accounts. Quarterly. | 5/5 |
| Willis R. Whitney, Interpreter | ~ | Apr. 12 | Accounts. Duplicate | 5/5 |
| Richd B. Hubbard | 457 | " 12 | Accounts. Quarterly. | 5/5 |
| Frank S. Mansfield, Secy. Legn | ~ | " 11 | Accounts. Duplicate | 5/31 |
| Edwin Dun 2d Secy | ~ | " 26 | Accounts. Duplicate. | 5/31 |
| Richd B. Hubbard | 458 | " 20 | Budget for 88-89. Increase & decrease in taxation. Accounts of | 5/31 |
| | 459 | " 20 | Rept. Foreign trade of Japan Feby. 88 sent. | 5/31 |
| | 460 | " 20 | Rept. For. Trade Jap. Jan. 88. | 5/31 |

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| Richard B. Hubbard | 461 | Apl. 23 | Passports for interior of Japan. Encl. copy let. to Com. Jernegan on subject of granting same to persons who have simply filed declaration of intention to become U.S. citizens. They should not be given such passports | 1887 5/21 |
| | 462 | " 23 | Consular re. Japan. Account of seal. | 5/31 |
| | 463 | " 25 | No. 187-199 mil. rec'd. Also books + stationery | 5/31 |
| | 464 | " 25 | Accounts. Duplicate salary. | 5/31 |
| | 465 | " 26 | Minister to U.S. Mr. Hubbard gave him a dinner + made a speech. He will leave May 20. | 5/31 5/31 |
| | 466 | " 28 | Mail sent by mistake to him intended for Com. Gen. returned to Cuba returned. | 5/31 |
| | 467 | May 9 | Schools reproduced in Japan. In reply to Dft. No. 201 requested that same be stopped as a matter of courtesy. Govt. Confidentially has stopped further sale of books. Hopes for settlement of matter by convention. | 6/4 |
| | 468 | " 9 | Political. Reorganization of Govt. Friendliness to United States. | 6/4 |
| | 469 | " 9 | Report. Cholera rec'd. | 6/4 |
| | 470 | " 9 | Bibles in Japanese Prisons. Reply to Dft. No. 202 as does that same were denied admittance. They have been admitted. Govt. not unfriendly to Christianity. Encl. clause statement fr. Missionaries to that effect. | 6/4 |
| | 471 | " 25 | Cholera Epidemic of 1886. Encl. Table showing deaths &c | 6/21 |
| | 472 | " 25 | Supplies. Paper + two flags requested. | 6/21 |
| | 473 | " 25 | Nos. 200-208 inclusive rec'd. | 6/21 |
| | 474 | " 28 | Trade (Foreign) of Japan. Report + digest of same sent. | 6/21 |
| | 475 | " 28 | Trade (Foreign) of Japan. Report sent. | 6/21 |
| | 476 | June 6 | Extradition of Calvin Pratt. Encl. Mem. of money paid out by Jap. Govt, and letter from Mr. Denison, Esq. | 7/2 |
| | 477 | " 7 | Newspapers for Legation. Asking renewal of subscriptions. | 7/2 |
| | 478 | " 7 | Japanese Roji. Enclosing an article on the preparation of. | 7/2 |
| | 479 | " 15 | Political. Gives an account of progress made towards Revision of the treaties between Japan and the Great Powers. Speaks of the change of Ministry. A plan for revision informally submitted to Mr. Hubbard by Min't of For. Aff. for his opinion. Encloses copies of Jap. Min'rs plan for a revision of the treaties, Mr. Hubbard's criticisms on said plan, an informal plan submitted by Mr. Hubbard as a basis for revision, and a letter from Mr. H. to German Min'r to Japan | 7/12 |
| | 480 | " 15 | Progress, National, of Japan. Speaks of its great advance, and encloses newspaper clipping on subj't | 7/12 |
| | 481 | " 19 | Humane services rendered by officers and seamen of U.S. Men-of-war to Jap. subjects. John Donnally of U.S.S. "Brooklyn" has rec'd from the Emperor the medal of the "Red Ribbon" and two other seamen of the same ship have rec'd certificates of meritorious service for saving the life of a Japanese subject. The Emperor has also expressed his thanks to certain officers and seamen of U.S.S. "Monocacy" for humane services in rescuing Japanese subjects. Encl. copies of notes from Count Ito + Count Okuma | 7/12 |
| | 482 | " 22 | Progress, National, of Japan. Corrects error in Desp. 480 as to dividend declared by Japan Railroad Co. | 7/16 |
| | 483 | " 23 | Fur seal fisheries in Behring Sea. Japanese Govt wishes to know when the U.S. will be ready to resume consideration of a convention for protection of seals and sea otter in said Sea. In reply he has forwarded to Jap. Govt a copy Instr. 171 from Dep't, and has written a note 30th inst. to Min'r of For. Aff., of which he encloses a copy, saying that the U.S. is waiting to hear from other foreign Govts. | 7/16 |
| | 484 | " 29 | Astronomical Observations. Transmits book containing sketches of the sun at various stages of eclipse of Sept. 17 | 7/21 |
| | 485 | " 29 | Corea. Troubles in Corea. Troops landed from foreign men of War. Quiet almost restored. | 7/21 |
| | 486 | " 29 | Legation building, Encl. supplemental contract as to rent of the. | 7/21 |
| | 487 | " 29 | Consular fees on U.S. Courts in China, Japan. Relates correspondence on subject with U.S. Min'r to China. See Min'r to China | 7/21 |
| Frederick S. Mansfield, Sec'y of Leg'n | ~ | " 30 | Accounts. | 8/2 |
| Edwin Dun, 2nd Sec'y of Leg'n | ~ | July 1 | Accounts. | 8/2 |
| Willis N. Whitney, Interpreter | ~ | " 3 | Accounts. | 8/2 |
| Richard B. Hubbard | 488 | " 5 | Accounts and Returns of Passports. | 8/2 |
| | 489 | " 5 | Fourth of July. Observance of. | 8/2 |
| | 490 | " 5 | Instructions 209-216, except 211, and Circulars of May 26, 1887, received | 8/2 |
| F. S. Mansfield, Sec'y of Leg'n | ~ | " 10 | Accounts (Duplicate) | 8/18 |
| Richard B. Hubbard | 491 | " 13 | Seal and Otter Fisheries. The Govt requests U.S. Consuls not to ship Japanese subjects on vessels engaged in. | 8/18 |
| | 492 | " 13 | Seven subjects. Govt desires to know the nature of the consular duties and proceedings in London relating to the protection of the seamen belonging to the vessels belonging to and the crew of the | 8/18 |
| | 493 | " 13 | Mail [illegible] | 8/18 |

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| | | 1888 | | 1888 |
| Richard B. Hubbard | 494 | July 13 | Accounts, Duplicate, | 8/8 |
| Edwin Dun, 2d Secy of Legn | ~ | " 17 | Accounts, Duplicate, | 8/8 |
| Richard B. Hubbard | 495 | " 26 | Eruption (Volcanic) of Bandai-san mountain. Enc. copies of extract from Murray's "Hand-book for Japan" and of Mr. Mansfield's report of the eruption and loss of life and property. | 8/20 |
| | 496 | Aug 3 | Political Count Inouye, late Min. of for. Aff. appt'd Minister of Agriculture and Commerce. | 8/29 |
| | 497 | " 22 | Instns. 217-226, Circulars of June 18, "Special Consular Report No 25, and "Foreign Relations" for 1887, recd. | 9/20 |
| | 498 | Sept 12 | 227-234 recd | 10/15 |
| | 499 | " 12 | "Foreign Trade of the Empire of Japan" for May, June and July, transmitted | 10/15 |
| | 500 | " 12 | Marine Conference at Washington Apr. 17, 1889. Has invited Japan to take part in the, | 10/15 |
| | 501 | " 17 | Railways in Japan. Enc. translation of the Report of the Jap. Railway Bureau for 1887-8. | 10/15 |
| | 502 | " 18 | Treaty Revision. Describes the state of affairs with regard to, the Japanese U. S. | 10/15 |
| | 503 | " 21 | Railways in Japan. Encl. two copies of Rand, McNally & Co's map of Japan. | 10/17 |
| | 504 | " 26 | Reprint of American school books in Japan. Will send a history of the whole matter Oct 7. | 10/22 |
| | 505 | " 27 | Stationery needed for Legation. Enc. list of, | 10/22 |
| | 506 | " 27 | China. Anti-American riots feared there if the Chinese Exclusion Bill becomes a law. | 10/22 |
| | 507 | " 27 | Instns 234-238, and Circulars of August 20th recd | 10/22 |
| J. S. Mansfield, Secy of Legation | ~ | Oct 1 | Accounts. | 11/2 |
| Richard B. Hubbard | 508 | " 5 | Accounts. | 11/2 |
| H. N. Whitney, Interpreter of Legn | ~ | " 6 | Accounts. | 11/2 |
| Edwin Dun, 2d Secy of Legation | ~ | " 5 | Accounts. | 11/2 |
| Richard B. Hubbard | 509 | " 6 | Reprint of American school books in Japan. Gives a history of the efforts made by the Japanese Govt to protect the American publishers by preventing the, | 11/2 |
| | 510 | " 16 | Accounts | 11/8 |
| | 511 | " 16 | Wife of John Ratcliffe, she is a Japanese whom Ratcliffe, a British subject, but for past seven years a sailor in U.S. Navy, married in Hong Kong. Minister asks if protection of U.S. should be extended to her if Japanese Govt should refuse to recognize the marriage. | 11/8 |
| J. S. Mansfield, Secy of Legation | ~ | " 10 | Accounts | 11/8 |
| Edwin Dun, 2d Secy of Legation | ~ | " 16 | Accounts | 11/8 |
| Willis N. Whiting, Interpreter of Leg'n | ~ | " 16 | Accounts | 11/8 |
| Richard B. Hubbard | 512 | " 26 | Marriages of Japanese women to foreigners abroad, must have the previous sanction of a Japanese diplomatic or consular Officer. Refers to his No. 511. Enc. translation of a note from F. O. & copy of a decree on the subject | 11/16 |
| | 513 | " 26 | Religious liberty in Japan. Enc. copy of a letter from Rev. Dr. Eby, defending the Japanese Govt from the charge of unfriendliness towards the Christian religion. | 11/16 |
| | 514 | Nov 5 | Import duties in Japan on produce or manufactures of the U.S. There has been no change in the rate of, Describes an important change in the method of levying duties. | 11/30 |
| | 515 | " 5 | Complaints of Carter, Stanley & Co. vs. Japan, rel. to the increase in the duty on petroleum without sufficient notification. The time for changing the method of levying the duties has been extended from Sept 1st to Dec 1st, 1888. Enc. copy of notification. | 11/30 |
| | 516 | " 6 | Foreign trade of Japan. Transmits Monthly Reports for August and September, of the. | 11/30 |
| | 517 | " 15 | Ad valorem duties in Japan. Refers to his reasons for thinking that the charge made by certain American merchants and shippers, that the present method of levying, is a discrimination against American goods, is entirely unfounded. Reply to Instn 242. | 12/8 |
| | 518 | " 16 | 239-245, and Circulars of Sept 20, received | 12/8 |
| | 519 | " 16 | Consular Reports asked for. | 12/8 |
| | 520 | " 16 | Life Saving Service. Asks for the Japanese Govt for the latest official printed Report on the U.S., | 12/8 |
| | 521 | " 26 | Leave of absence for forty days to visit China requested. Asks that another be called. | 12/21 |
| J. S. Mansfield Secy of Legn | ~ | " 27 | Leave of absence for thirty days to visit China, requested to take effect at the expiration of leave asked by Minister in No. 521. | 12/21 |
| Richard B. Hubbard | 522 | " 27 | 246-253 received. | 12/21 |
| | 523 | Dec. 6 | Mint, Report of Director of Japan. States most important items & Transmits 2 copies | 12/29 |
| | 524 | " 6 | Meteorological Observations in Japan, Report of the, for October. Transmits 2 Copies | 12/29 |
| | 525 | " 7 | Trade of Japan, Foreign. States important items and transmits 2 copies | 12/29 |
| | 526 | " 17 | Marine Conference at Washington. The Japanese Govt wishes to know how many Powers have accepted the invitation to take part in the, and how many delegates will be sent by each Power represented. | 1889 1/22 |

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| | | 1888 | | 1889 |
| Richard B. Hubbard | ✓ 526 | ✓ Dec 19 | Treaty of Friendship, Commerce and Navigation with Japan. The Japanese Govt has submitted to him a proposition for a new, on the basis of the plan enclosed in his No. 479. Gives a sketch of the provisions of the proposed Treaty, and urges that it be concluded. | |
| | 527 | - 27 | Consular Clerks. Enc a printed draft of a Bill to provide for the compensation and promotion of. Addresses arguments in favor of its adoption. | 1/18 |
| | ✓ 528 | ✓ - 28 | Marine Conference at Washington. Enc translation of a note from J.O. anng Japan's acceptance of the invitation to take part in the. | 1/18 |
| Edwin Dun, 2d Secy of Legn | " | - 31 | Accounts. | 2/1 |
| Frederick J. Mansfield, Secy of Legn | " | - 31 | Accounts. | 2/1 |
| Richard B. Hubbard | 529 | 1889 Jan 4 | Accounts, and Return of passports. | 2/1 |
| F. J. Mansfield, Secy of Legation | " | - 7 | Allowance for time for transit home. Enquires whether a Secretary of Legation who resigns at this post is granted ax, | 2/1 |
| | " | - 7 | Free entry for personal effects in the U.S. Enquires whether Secretaries of Legation returning home after the expiration of their service, are allowed, | 2/1 |
| Willis R. Whitney, Interpreter | " | - 7 | Accounts. | 2/1 |
| Richard B. Hubbard | ✓ 530 | ✓ - 7 | Treaty of Friendship, Commerce and Navigation with Japan. Text of his telegram of 19th Dec[em]ber, and of Dept's reply of Dec. 20th rel. to a revised, | 2/1 |
| | ✓ | ✓ - 7 | Same subject. Encloses copy of the draft of the proposed Treaty, with the accompanying papers. The Treaty will be ready for signature by the 20th inst | 2/1 |
| | 531 | - 7 | Abstract telegraphical Reply to transmitted | 2/1 |
| | " | - 7 | Resignation. Sends the. | 2/1 |
| | 532 | - 7 | Blanks for salary accounts requested. | 2/1 |
| | 533 | - 7 | Leave of absence. Text of Dept's telegram of Dec 22d provisionally granting him, Thinks the Treaty will be signed in time to permit his making his visit to China and returning before March. | 2/1 |
| F. J. Mansfield, Secy of Legation | " | - 13 | Accounts. Duplicate, | 2/20 |
| Willis R. Whitney, Interpreter | " | - 14 | Accounts. Duplicate, | 2/20 |
| Richard B. Hubbard | ✓ 534 | ✓ - 14 | Protection of the fur seal fisheries in Behring Sea. Enc a translation of a note of 12th inst. from J.O. setting forth the views of the Japanese Govt rel. to the. Reply to No. 232. | 2/20 |
| | ✓ 535 | ✓ - 19 | Extradition as practised by Japan. Japan has no Extradition Treaty with any country except the U.S. In the absence of a Treaty, it will extradite on condition of reciprocity. Enc duplicate copies of the Decree of Aug 3, 1887. Refers to his No. 370. | 2/20 |
| | ✓ 536 | ✓ - 23 | Books presented to the Dept by Z.P. Maruya & Co. Publishers, Tokyo. Transmits one copy each of Hepburn's Japanese Dictionary, Hepburn's Pocket Japanese Dictionary, and "An Index of Chinese characters in Hepburn's Dictionary, by Dr. W.N. Whitney. Enc. Copy of note from Z.P. Maruya & Co. acc the same. | 2/20 |
| | 537 | - 24 | 254-264, and Circulars of Nos 1 and 26 and Dec 15 and 17, 1888, recd. Also telegrams of Dec 20 and 22, 1888, and Jan 22, 1889. | 2/20 |
| | 538 | - 24 | Marine Conference at Washington. Has notified the Japanese Govt of the postponement of the | 2/20 |
| Edwin Dun 2d Secretary of Legn | " | - 25 | Accounts. Duplicate, | 2/20 |
| Richard B. Hubbard | 539 | - 26 | Accounts. Duplicate, | 2/20 |
| | ✓ 540 | ✓ - 25 | Treaty of Amity, Commerce and Navigation with Japan. Explains the delay in the signing of the. Enc Copy of his note to J.O. of Dec 24, 1888, and the receipt of Dept's telegram of Dec 20, authorizing Minister to sign said Treaty. | 2/20 |
| | 541 | Feb 4 | Hydrographical documents. Enc a copy of a note of 2d inst from J.O. stating that instructions have been given for the forwarding to the Legation of Japanese, | 3/1 |
| | 542 | - 4 | Lighthouses, light-ships, buoys and beacons. Encloses four copies of the list of Japanese, | 3/1 |
| | 543 | - 4 | Education. Encloses copies of the Annual Report of the Japanese Minister of Education for 1886 | 3/1 |
| | 544 | - 4 | Education. Encloses copies of the Annual Report of the Minister of Education for 1886. | 3/1 |
| | 545 | - 5 | Palace at Tokio. Reports the completion of the new Imperial, | 3/1 |
| | ✓ 546 | ✓ - 5 | Treaty of Amity, Commerce and Navigation with Japan. Enc a translation of a note of Dec 28, 1888, from J.O. stating that a day will soon be designated for the conclusion of the. | 3/1 |
| | 547 | - 14 | Constitution of Japan. Describes the ceremonies attending the promulgation of the, on the 11th inst. Encloses a copy of the Constitution and accompanying documents, together with a clipping on the subject. | 3/12 |
| | ✓ 548 | ✓ - 14 | Assassination of Viscount Mori Arinori, the Japanese Minister of Education. Reports the, Gives a sketch of his career. Enc a clipping relating the circumstances. | 3/12 |
| | 549 | - 14 | Death of Rear-Admiral Ralph Chandler U.S.N. Reports the, | 3/12 |

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| | | 1889 | | 1889 |
| Richard B. Hubbard | 550 | Feb 14 | Visitor. Enc copy of a note of 15th inst. from F.O. annc'g that Prince Arisugawa Takehito, with his wife and suite is about to visit the U.S. | 3/12 |
| | Tel | " 20 | "Treaty of Amity, Commerce and Navigation signed with Japan today" | |
| | 551 | " 20 | Same subject. Text of this telegram of this date. Gives details in the subject. Calls attention to certain portions of the protocols of the Treaty Revision Conference. Enc a list of documents transmitted, including the English and Japanese text of the Treaty, and official accompaniments to the Treaty. | 3/16 |
| | 552 | " 26 | Law School. Enc a Report of the proceedings at the Commencement of the Tokyo English. | 3/26 |
| | 553 | " 28 | Foreign Trade of Japan for Nov and Dec, 1888. Has two copies each of the Returns of the | 3/26 |
| | 554 | " 28 | Foreign Trade of Japan for January, 1889. Has two copies of the Returns of the | 3/26 |
| | 555 | Mar 11 | Secretary of State. Congratulates Mr. Blaine on his appointment as | 4/2 |
| | 556 | " 11 | Accounts | 4/2 |
| | 557 | " 11 | 265-277. Circulars of Dec 6, 1888, and telegram of Feb 20 rec'd | 4/2 |
| | 558 | " 19 | Ministers to Japan. Text of Dep't's telegram of 15th inst. rel to the new U.S. | 4/15 |
| | 559 | " 19 | Free entry asked for his personal effects at San Francisco. | 4/15 |
| | 560 | " 20 | Accounts, and Advice of draft. | 4/15 |
| | 561 | " 21 | Accounts. | 4/15 |
| | 562 | " 30 | Accounts | 4/23 |
| | 563 | " 30 | Dictionary of the Principal Roads, Chief Towns and Villages of Japan, by W. N. Whitney. Has | 4/23 |
| Edwin Dunn, 2d Secy of Legn | — | " 31 | Accounts. | 5/2 |
| Richard B. Hubbard | 564 | Apr 6 | Trade of Japan for 1888. Has two copies of the official Report on the foreign. Gives an abstract of the same | 5/2 |
| Frederick S. Mansfield Secy of Legn | — | " 8 | Accounts. | 5/2 |
| Richard B. Hubbard | 565 | " 8 | Accounts. | 5/2 |
| | 566 | " 8 | Military Establishment of Japan. Enc five copies of table of Statistics of the | 5/2 |
| Frederick S. Mansfield Secy of Legn | — | " 8 | Accounts. | 5/7 |
| Edwin Dunn 2d Secy of Legation | — | " 16 | Accounts. | 5/7 |
| Willis N. Whitney, Interpreter | — | " 16 | Accounts. | 5/7 |
| Richard B. Hubbard | 567 | " 16 | Accounts. | 5/7 |
| | 568 | " 16 | Statistics of the Japanese Empire. Encloses copies of. | 5/7 |
| Willis N. Whitney, Interpreter | — | " 24 | Accounts. | 5/17 |
| Richard B. Hubbard | 569 | " 29 | 275-295 and Circulars of Feb 1 and 7, 1889, rec'd | 5/27 |
| | 570 | " 29 | Budget for 1889-1890. Has two copies of the Japanese. | 5/27 |
| | 571 | " 29 | Resignation. Ack No. 287 ann'g the acceptance of his. | 5/27 |
| | 572 | " 29 | Minister to Japan. Ack No. 292 ann'g the appointment of John F. Swift as U.S. | 5/27 |
| John F. Swift, E. & M.P. | Tel | May 14 | Arrival at post on 11th inst. Reports his. | |
| | — | " | Secretary of Legation. Requests that the present Secretary of Legation be retained three months longer. | |
| | 1 | " 14 | Arrival at post on 11th inst. Reports his, and interview with the Min's of For. Aff'rs on 13th inst. | 6/7 |
| | 2 | " 14 | Courtesies shown him by his predecessor and Rear Admiral Belknap. Acknowledges. | 6/7 |
| | 3 | " 14 | Secretary of Legation. Text of telegram of 14th inst. Gives reasons for the retention of the present Secretary of Legation a short time longer. | 6/7 |
| | 4 | " 15 | Accounts | 6/7 |
| | 5 | " 15 | Credentials presented this day. | 6/7 |
| | 6 | " 16 | Courtesies shown to Prince Takehito in the U.S. Conveys the Emperor's thanks for. | 6/7 |
| | 7 | " 17 | Inventory of Legation enclosed. | 6/7 |
| Richard B. Hubbard | 573 | " 15 | Accounts. | 6/9 |
| | 574 | " 15 | Letter of Recall presented this day. | 6/18 |
| Willis N. Whitney, Interpreter | Tel | " 21 | Leave of absence for 60 days requested. | |
| John F. Swift | 4 | " 25 | Donation made by Congress to the inhabitants of the Island of Tanegashima, for humane services rendered the wrecked crew of the Am. Bark 'Cashmere' in Sept. 1886. Is awaiting the Japanese Govt's acceptance of the proposal of his predecessor to receive & disburse the amount. As soon as their decision is rec'd will draw on Govt Bankers for the amount. Suggests that the sum be changed to his credit at Bankers, as the fund is now payable to his predecessor. | 6/9 |
| | 9 | " 25 | Supplies - Salary & Blanks - Requisition for, - | 6/9 |

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| John F. Swift | 10 | May 25 | Legation offices. New carpets & janitor wanted for, - Requests permission to purchase the former; &c. to engage a person as janitor at wages not to exceed $12.00 Mex. gold, per month. | 6/19 |
| | 11 | " 25 | Newspapers for Legation. Requests The San Francisco Daily Chronicle; & The Examiner, be subscribed for, - | 6/19 |
| | 12 | " 25 | Accounts - Transit Salary. - | 6/19 |
| | 13 | " 27 | Interpreter's leave of absence has been approved by Hon. W.D. Whitney contemplates leaving for the U.S. on 20th inst. | 6/19. |
| Willis A. Whitney, Interpreter | 14 | " 27 | Leave of absence will be availed of on 20th inst. Has arranged with Dr. David Thompson to act as interpreter, during his absence, without expense to the U.S. Address in the U.S. will be, C/o Wistar Morris, Esq. Overbrook Station, Philad.a Pa. | 6/19. |
| Richard B. Hubbard | Tel. | June 3 | Free entry for his personal effects requested. | |
| John F. Swift | 14 | " 3 | Facilities for Teisuke Minami of the Japanese Dept of Agriculture and Commerce. Enc. c of note of May 31, from F.O. asking for, and for Tamejiro Ogasa, of the Tokio Exchange. | 6/26 |
| | 15 | " 4 | Fruit trees of Japan. Enc. c of note of May 20 from F.O. and &c. c of a Report and drawings by Prof. Sasaki, rel. to a new coddling moth which is doing great injury to the fruit. F.O. requests information as to the most effective means of protecting the trees. Refers to Dept's 168, Nov. 23, '87 | 6/26 |
| | 16 | " 4 | Accounts. | 6/26 |
| | 17 | " 14 | Germany and Japan. Encs a copy of a Treaty of Amity, Commerce and Navigation, signed at Berlin on the 11th inst., between | 7/8 |
| | 18 | " 22 | Legation quarters. The owners will not renew the lease of the present. Enc. c of correspt. | 7/15 |
| Richard B. Hubbard | — | " 29 | Accounts. | 7/5 |
| Edward Dunn, 2d Secy of Legn | — | July 6 | Accounts. | 7/29 |
| John F. Swift | 19 | " 8 | Free entry for the Secretary of the Chinese Legation at London. Enc. c of Note of 5th inst. from the Chinese Minister at Tokio, asking for. | 7/29 |
| | 20 | " 8 | Accounts. | 7/29 |
| | 21 | " 8 | Reprint of American schoolbooks in Japan. Describes the injustice and injury done to A.S. Barnes & Co. by the continued. Enc. c of letter of 6th inst. from their Agent in Japan on the subject. Asks for instructions. | 7/29 |
| | 22 | " 8 | Accounts. | 7/29 |
| Frederick S. Mansfield, Secy of Legn | — | June 30 | Accounts. | 8/10 |
| John F. Swift | 23 | July 10 | Accounts. | 8/10 |
| | 24 | " 16 | Light-Ships. Enc. c of note of 15th inst. from F.O. stating that the Japanese Light-Ships are of too antiquated a pattern to furnish any new information. Reply to No. 3. | 8/10 |
| | 25 | " 16 | Treaty Revision in Japan. The European Powers are all on the point of concluding Commercial Treaties with Japan, based on the recent one between Japan and the U.S. | 8/10 |
| Frederick S. Mansfield | — | " 17 | Resignation tendered. | |
| | — | | Leave of absence requested. | 8/10 |
| | — | " 17 | Free entry for his personal effects, requested. | 8/10 |
| John F. Swift | 26 | " 17 | Stationery needed for Legation. Enc. a list of. | 8/10 |
| | 27 | " 17 | 2-10 rec'd. | |
| | 28 | " 17 | Secretary of Legation. Enc. c of letter of this date from F.S. Mansfield, notifying him of his resignation. Recommends the Second Secretary of the Legation as his successor, and Edmund Burke Tolladay, of San Francisco, as Mr. Dunn's successor. | 8/10 |
| | 29 | " 20 | Mexico and Japan. Enc. a copy (in duplicate) of the Commercial Treaty of Nov. 30, 1888 between. Discusses its merits. | |
| | 30 | " 22 | Accounts. | 8/14 |
| | 31 | " 22 | Pub. Doc. Incloses copies of "The Monthly Return of the Foreign Trade of the Empire of Japan for Jan. Feb. March April and May, 1889. | 8/14 |
| | 32 | " 23 | Appropriation by Congress to reward the inhabitants of the Island of Tanegashima for the services to the crew of the "Cashmere" in 1885. Enc. c of correspt with F.O. rel. to the application of the, and of his draft given to F.O. for the amount of the same ($500) | 8/10 |
| | 33 | " 31 | Same subject. Encs his accounts rel. to the disposition of the fund | 8/26 |
| Willis A. Whitney, Interpreter | — | " 30 | Accounts. | 8/12 |
| John F. Swift | 34 | Aug. 1 | Mexico and Japan. Enc. c of F.O. Notification No. 3, providing for the issuance of Certificates of Nationality to Mexican citizens in Japan. | 8/26 |

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| | | 1879 | | 1879 |
| John F. Swift | 35 | Aug 6 | Treaty Revision in Japan. Discussed. Enc. clippings. | 8/31 |
| | 36 | " 10 | Russia and Japan. Reports the signing, on the 5 inst., of a Commercial Treaty between, | 8/31 |
| | 37 | " 16 | Treaty Revision in Japan. Continues the discussion of. | 9/13 |
| | 38 | " 19 | Russia and Japan. Encloses a paper purporting to be a copy of the recent Commercial Treaty between, Discusses the merits of said Treaty | 9/13 |
| | 39 | " 20 | Pub. Doc. Asks for additional volumes of Wharton's Digest. | 9/13 |
| | 40 | " 26 | Treaty Revision in Japan. Continues the discussion of. Encloses clippings | 9/25 |
| | 111 | " 30 | 11-18 rec'd: also circular of 25 June and telegram of 22 August | 9/25 |
| | 42 | Sept. 6 | Treaty Revision in Japan. Describes the present status of. Enc. a clipping. | 10/7 |
| | Tel. | " 9 | "Assistant Secretary of Legation required. Will you appoint Georget. Weatworth of San Francisco?" | |
| Edwin Dun | — | " 15 | Accounts. | 10/11 |
| | — | " 16 | Secretary of Legation. Reports that he has qualified as. | 10/11 |
| Frederick S. Mansfield | — | " 16 | Accounts. | 10/11 |
| W. N. Whitney, Interpreter | — | " 17 | Leave of absence. Asks for an extension of his. Enc. a letter from Minister approving the application. | 9/28 |
| John F. Swift | 43 | " 17 | Secretary of Legation. Mr. Dun qualified on the 16th inst. as, Enc. Mr. Dun's Oath of Office. Text of Dept's telegram of 5 inst. | 10/11 |
| | 44 | " 17 | Second Secretary of Legation. Text of Dept's telegram of 9th inst. rel to the. | 10/11 |
| | 45 | " 18 | Passports. Explains the immense amount of clerical labor entailed upon the Legation in connection with. | 10/11 |
| W. K. Gardiner, 2d Secy of Legn | — | " 19 | Second Secretary of Legation. Accepts his appointment as. | 9/26 |
| John F. Swift | 46 | " 20 | Stationery and new mail pouch keys requested. | 10/11 |
| Edwin Dun, Secy of Legn | — | " 26 | Accounts. | 10/24 |
| John F. Swift | 47 | " 26 | Smokeless powder used by the Japanese Gov't. Gives his reasons for thinking it expedient to obtain, if possible, from private sources, the secret of the. Reply to No. 19 | 10/24 |
| | 48 | " 26 | 19-26 rec'd. | 10/24 |
| | 49 | " 30 | Account for the disposition of the Tenegashima fund. | 10/28 |
| | 50 | Oct 3 | Accounts. | 10/28 |
| | 51 | " 10 | Coinage &c. of Japan. Has sent to the Director of the Mint his Report on the. | 11/13 |
| Edwin Dun | — | " 11 | Accounts. | 11/13 |
| John F. Swift | 52 | " 12 | Passport Returns. | 11/13 |
| Edwin Dun | — | " 14 | Commission and Personal Instructions rec'd. Also, Letter of Credit | 11/13 |
| W. N. Whitney, Interpreter | — | " 16 | Accounts. | 10/26 |
| John F. Swift | 53 | " 16 | Political. Resignation of Count Ito, President of the Privy Council. Refers to Legn's No. 468 | |
| | — | " " | Pub. Doc. Re. a copy of Count Ito's Commentary on the Constitution of Japan. | 11/13 |
| | 54 | " 16 | Accounts. | 11/13 |
| | 55 | " 17 | Treaty revision in Japan. Describes the situation rel to, Enc. a clipping on the subject | 11/13 |
| | 56 | " 21 | Attack upon Count Okuma, Minister of Foreign Affairs, on the 18th inst. Gives the details of a murderous. He was severely wounded by a dynamite bomb thrown by a Japanese student, who killed himself on the spot. | 11/13 |
| | 57 | " 22 | Political. Viscount Aoki appt'd Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs. | 11/13 |
| | 58 | " 25 | Attack upon Count Okuma discussed as illustrating the stage of civilization reached in Japan. Political assassination when accompanied with the suicide of the assassin is regarded as laudable. | 11/18 |
| | 59 | " 26 | Political. Cabinet crisis in Japan. Reorganization of the former cabinet likely. Prince Sanjo, the new premier, and Viscount Aoki, acting Minister for Foreign Affairs, described. | 10/18 |
| Frederick S. Mansfield | — | " 28 | Accounts. | 11/1 |
| John F. Swift | 60 | Nov 4 | Treaty revision. Describes the hostility of popular opinion in Japan to. | 11/27 |
| | 61 | " 8 | Circular of Sept. 18 rec'd. | 12/6 |
| | 62 | " 8 | Circular of Sept. 21 rec'd. | 12/6 |
| | 63 | " 8 | Circular of Sept. 27 rec'd. | 12/6 |
| | 64 | " 8 | 27-33 rec'd. | 12/6 |
| | 65 | " 8 | Emigration to Hawaii. Reports another shipment of Japanese laborers to Hawaii. | 12/6 |
| | 66 | " 11 | Treaty revision. Describes the situation rel to, Enc. clippings on the subject. | 12/6 |

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| John F. Swift | 67 | Nov. 11 | Archives of Legation. Asks for copies of the enclosures to Legation's No. 479. for the, | 12/6 |
| | 68 | " 12 | Pub. Doc. Asks for Vol. 105 and succeeding volumes of the U. S. Supreme Court Reports. | 12/6 |
| W. K. Gardiner Jr. 2nd Secretary | — | " 27 | Accounts for transit pass. | 12/23 |
| W. N. Whitney, Interpreter | — | " 28 | Leave of absence. Asks for an extension of his. | 12/30 |
| W. K. Gardiner Jr. 2nd Secretary | — | " 29 | Arrival at Yeddo and entry on duty as second secretary on 25th Nov. reported. | 12/23 |
| John F. Swift | 69 | Dec. 2. | Same subject. Mr. Gardiner entered on duty on 27th Nov. | 12/23 |
| | 70 | " 10 | Political situation in Japan. Describes the, | 1890 1/16 |
| | 71 | " 16 | Political. Reports the resignation of Count Okuma, Minr of Foreign Affairs. | 1/16 |
| | 72 | " 18 | Treaty revision in Japan. Describes the present status of. Enc tel of 13th inst from F.O. to the Japanese Minister at Washington, instructing him to request that the Treaty of Feb. 20, 1889, be held in abeyance. Similar requests have been sent to the Russian and German Govts. Describes his interview of 14th inst. with the Acting Minr of For. Aff. | 1/16 |
| | 73 | " 20 | Same subject. Gives his reasons for thinking that material changes will have to be made in the Treaties recently concluded by Japan with the U. S. Germany and Russia. | 1/16 |
| | 74 | " 20 | Political. Reports rumors of approaching changes in the Cabinet. | 1/16 |
| | 75 | " 26 | Political. A new Cabinet has been formed. Gives the names of the members of the same. | 1/20 |
| | 76 | " 28 | Treaty revision. Relates a conversation with the Minister of Foreign Affairs, rel. to modifications desired by Japan in pending Treaties. | 1/29 |
| | 77 | " 30 | Pub. Doc. Asks for a set of Sawyer's U. S. Circuit Court Reports. | 1/29 |
| | 78 | Jan. 3 1890 | Record-Book requested. | 1/29 |
| | 79 | " 3 | Pub. Doc. Is. Vol. 2. of "Treaties and Conventions between the Empire of Japan and other Powers." | 1/29 |
| | 80 | " 3 | Medals commemorating the promulgation of the Japanese Constitution, presented by the Emperor to R. B. Hubbard, J. S. Mansfield, Edwin Dun and W. N. Whitney. Enc note of Dec 18, 1889. from F.O. transmitting, Asks for instructions as to the disposition of said medals. | 1/29 |
| W. N. Whitney, Interpreter | — | " 4 | Accounts and advice of draft. | 1/6 |
| John F. Swift | 81 | " 4 | Treaty revision. Argues to show the expediency of the United States acting in concert with the European Powers on the subject of. Reply to No. 40. | 1/29 |
| Edwin Dun | — | " 15 | Accounts. | 2/12 |
| John F. Swift | 82 | " 15 | Accounts. | |
| | — | " " | Passport Returns. | 2/12 |
| | 83 | " 16 | Treaty revision in Japan. Describes the present status of, Discusses the provisions of the Treaty of Feb 20, 1889, and gives his reasons for thinking it advisable to allow said Treaty to lapse. Reply to No. 43. | 2/12 |
| W. K. Gardiner Jr. | — | " 17 | Accounts. Two despatches. | 2/12 |
| | 84 | " 17 | Target practice station for U. S. men-of-war in Japan. Enc letter of Dec 5, 1889. from Rear Admiral Belknap, asking Minr to apply to the Japanese Govt for a permanent. Will not make the application until he receives instructions to that effect. | 2/12 |
| | 85 | " 17 | Weights and measures of Japan. Has forwarded to the Bureau of Weights and Measures at Washington his Report on the, | 2/12 |
| | 86 | " 22 | Treaty revision and diplomacy in Japan. Enc. clippings rel. to, Comments on the same. | 2/18 |
| Edwin Dun | — | " 27 | Accounts. | 2/18 |
| W. K. Gardiner Jr. | — | " 27 | Accounts. | 2/18 |
| John F. Swift | 87 | " 27 | Accounts. | 2/18 |
| W. K. Gardiner Jr. | — | " 31 | Accounts. | 3/1 |
| John F. Swift | 88 | Feb. 5 | Taxes levied upon the sale of "Scott's Emulsion" in Japan. Reports license and taxes, Discusses the rights of the Japanese Govt to impose said taxes. Argues to show that they are a violation of the Commercial Treaty of 1858. Enc corresp. with F.O., a Memorandum of his interview of Jan. 23. with the Minister of Foreign Affairs, a letter of Apr. 9, 1889, from the China and Japan Trading Co. to his predecessor, letter of June 10, 1889, from the same to himself, and letter of Sept. 5, 1889, from the same. Asks for instructions. | 3/1 |
| | 89 | " 5 | Treaty revision in Japan. Enc. clippings rel. to. | 3/1 |
| W. N. Whitney, Interpreter | — | " 7 | Despatches for post this day. Report to his, | 2/18 |
| John F. Swift | 90 | " 10 | Ceremonial. Conveys expressions of regret for the death of Walker Blaine. | 3/17 |

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| | | 1890 | | 1890 |
| John F. Swift | ✓ 91 | ✓ Feb 16 | Taxes levied upon the sale of "Scott's Emulsion". Enc. note of 6th inst. from F.O. covering a Memorandum of the interview of Jan. 23. with Minister, and his note of 10th inst. to F.O. covering a Memorandum of certain misinterpretations of his remarks, as given in said Memorandum of the interview of Jan. 23. | 3/17 |
| | ✓ 92 | ✓ " 17 | Same subject. Enc. a Memorandum prepared by the Japanese Secretary of the British Legation, J. R. Gubbins, discussing the question, and giving arguments to prove that the Japanese Govt has no right to levy the said taxes | 3/17 |
| W. N. Whitney, Interpreter<br>John F. Swift | — | " 18 | Departure from Tokio to-morrow this day. Reports his, | 3/27 |
| | 93 | ✓ " 21 | Treaty Revision. Has reason to believe that the Japanese Govt has formulated a new basis for their demands upon the Western Powers touching, | 3/17 |
| | 94 | " 21 | 34-47 and circulars of Oct. 25 and Dec. 1, 1889, rec'd. | 3/17 |
| Edwin Dun, Secretary of Legation | — | " 24 | Commission received. | 4/1 |
| W. S. Gardiner, 2nd Sec'y of Leg'n | — | " 24 | Commission received. | 4/1 |
| John F. Swift | 95 | " 27 | Criminal Courts of Japan. Enc. three clippings rel. to the practice in the, Comments on them. | 4/1 |
| | ✓ 96 | ✓ " 28 | Scott's Emulsion. Enc. extracts from Japanese press articles, praising the action of the Government in refusing to abolish the taxes imposed upon the sale of, thinks that taxes on the sale of other imported articles will follow. | 4/1 |
| | ✓ 97 | ✓ Mar 1 | Treaty Revision. The Japanese Govt has formulated its views with regard to, and has submitted them to certain Powers which have not yet signed Treaties, including Great Britain, France and Italy. As has not yet learned the nature of the same. | 4/1 |
| | 98 | " 1 | Oaths of Allegiance of the First and Second Secretaries of Legation, enclosed. | 4/1 |
| | 99 | " 2 | Commercial Treaty of 1889. Text of Dep't's tel of 25th ult. | 4/1 |
| | ✓ 100 | ✓ " 2 | Same subject. Enc. his note of 26th ult. to the Diplomatic Corps, stating that the President would not send the Treaty signed at Tokio Feb. 20, 1889, to the Senate without numerous and important modifications. | 4/1 |
| | 101 | " 2 | Pub. Doc. Re. two copies each of the "Foreign Trade of the Empire of Japan" for June, July, August, Sept., Oct. Nov and December, 1889. | 4/1 |
| | ✓ 102 | ✓ " 6 | Commercial Treaty of Feb. 20, 1889. Enc. corresp. with F.O. rel. to proposed amendments to the, | 4/1 |
| | ✓ 103 | ✓ " 7 | Treaty Revision. Enc. note of 6th inst. from F.O., covering a Memorandum embodying the amendments which the Japanese Govt wishes to introduce into the pending Treaties. | 4/1 |
| | 104 | " 17 | Pub. Doc. Re. three copies of the "Foreign Trade of Japan" for 1889. | 4/15 |
| | 105 | " 17 | Pub. Doc. Re. three copies of the Report of the Director of the Japanese Mint. | 4/15 |
| | ✓ 106 | ✓ " 18 | Rope made of human hair, for the Smithsonian Institution. Re. a section of a, together with a photograph, a lithograph and a table showing the size and length of all the hair ropes used in the construction of a Buddhist Temple at Kioto. Enc., in duplicate, a letter of 6th inst. from V. Marshall Law on the subject. | 4/15 |
| W. N. Whitney, Interpreter<br>John F. Swift | — | " 21 | Returns to post on 8th inst. Reports his, | 4/15 |
| | 107 | " 21 | Accounts for rent of Legation buildings and grounds. Enc. does on the subject. | 4/15 |
| | 108 | " 21 | Flag and stationery requested. | 4/15 |
| | ✓ 109 | ✓ " 20 | Freedom of the Press in Japan. Enc. clippings commenting on the imprisonment of the editor and publisher of a Japanese newspaper for publishing an article defaming the founder of the Imperial dynasty. | 4/25 |
| | 110 | " 26 | United States and Japan. Enc. an extract from a Japanese newspaper commenting on the apparent diminution of friendly feeling between the, Comments on the same. | 4/25 |
| W. S. Gardiner Jr. | — | " 30 | Accounts. | 5/5 |
| | — | Apr 5 | Accounts. Two despatches | 5/5 |
| John F. Swift | 111 | " 8 | Military and Naval Manoeuvres of the Japanese Troops at Nagoya from the 1st to the 4th inst. Incorrect, in terms of high commendation, the recent, | 5/5 |
| | 112 | " 12 | Accounts, | 5/5 |
| Edwin Dun | — | " 14 | Accounts. | 5/5 |
| W. N. Whitney, Interpreter | — | " 14 | Accounts. | 5/5 |
| John F. Swift | 113 | " 14 | Murder of Rev. J. A. Large, a Canadian Methodist missionary, at Tokio, on the 4th inst. Relates the circumstances rel. to the, Discusses the causes of the increase of crimes in Japan. | 5/5 |
| | 114 | " 14 | Watchman for Legation. Asks permission to employ a night, Gives reasons for the request. | 5/5 |
| Edwin Dun | — | " 25 | Accounts. | 5/16 |
| John F. Swift | 115 | " 25 | Coinage &c of Japan. Has forwarded to the Director of the Mint his Report on the, | 5/16 |
| | 116 | " 25 | Accounts. | 5/16 |

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| W. R. Gardiner Jr, 2d Secy of Legn | cc | Apr 26 | Accounts. | 5/16 |
| John F. Swift | 117 | May 17 | Attack on Rev. J. Summers, an English missionary, at Tokio. Gives details and enc. clippings relative, | 6/11 |
| | 118 | " 19 | Legation premises. Reports the removal of the, Enc. a Memorandum of Lease of the new premises, signed this day, and corr. with F.O. on the subject. | 6/11 |
| | 119 | " 20 | Political. Reports certain changes in the Cabinet. | 6/11 |
| | 120 | " 20 | Scott's Emulsion. Has sent to F.O. a copy of Dept's No. 59, rel. to, | 6/11 |
| | 121 | " 20 | Assault on Rev. Dr. M. Imbrie, an American missionary, at Tokio, by Japanese students on the 9th inst. Gives details and enc. clippings rel. to the, Describes his interview of 19th inst. with the Min. of For. Aff. on the subject. The latter stated that the Govt would take effectual measures for the protection of foreigners. | 6/11 |
| | 122 | " 22 | Legation premises. Has compelled, by his wife's illness to remain in the former Legation quarters two months after the expiration of the lease. Enc. a letter of Apr. 10 from the purchaser of the former Legation premises, on the subject. | 6/20 |
| | 123 | " 31 | 98-70, Kl of Feb 25 and Circular of Mar 20, rec'd. | 6/20 |
| W. N. Whitney, Interpreter | cc | " 31 | Accounts. | 6/20 |
| J. F. Swift | 124 | June 2 | Missionaries in Japan. Describes the unsatisfactory status of. | 7/3 |
| | 125 | " 3 | Protection for J. H. Wigmore. Enc. a letter of Apr. 16 from Mr. Wigmore, asking the intervention of Minister with the Japanese Govt to obtain police. Gives his reasons for refusing | 7/3 |
| | 126 | " 7 | Assault on Rev. Dr. Imbrie. The offence has been condoned by the students who had committed the assault, apologizing to Dr. Imbrie. Enc. corr. and clippings. Refers to his No. 121. | 7/3 |
| | 127 | " 10 | Hawaii and Japan. States the provisions of the Contract Labor Treaty of 1886 between. Enc. a clipping complaining of the ill treatment of Japanese laborers in Hawaii | 7/3 |
| | 128 | " 23 | Complaint of J. H. Guy resident and Jenkyck Kendall of delay in obtaining their travelling passports. States the facts in the case, and enc. does and corr., showing that there was no foundation for the, Reply to No. 75. | 7/15 |
| | 129 | July 7 | Scott's Emulsion. Imposts exacted on. Decision of the Dept. not likely to be acquiesced in. Policy in regard to imports from U.S. likely to be rigidly adhered to. Popularity of the policy. | 8/6 |
| | 130 | " 8 | Accounts, Minister | 8/6 |
| Edwin Dun, Secy. of Legn. | | " 10 | Accounts, salary | 8/6 |
| W. R. Gardiner, 2d Secy. of Legn. | | " 14 | Accounts, salary | 8/6 |
| W. N. Whitney, Interpreter | | " 15 | Accounts, salary | 8/6 |
| | | " 16 | Accounts, Loss by exchange. | 8/6 |
| | 131 | " 21 | Scott's Emulsion. Imposts exacted on, Points in new treaty. Am. goods imported into Japan upon which the duty has been paid may be conveyed to any place & shall not be subject to any additional tax. | 8/20 |
| | 132 | " 23 | Codes of Japan promulgated | 8/20 |
| | 133 | " 23 | Treaty Revision. Bet. England & Japan. England desires tariff of customs duties to remain as in Proposed Treaty of 1889. Arranged by Brit. authorities in her interest. U.S. the loser. Kerosene heavily taxed. | 8/20 |
| | 134 | " 24 | Accounts. | 8/20 |
| | 135 | " 24 | 7/14 #85 rec'd. | 8/20 |
| | 136 | " 24 | Foreign Trade Returns from 1868 to 1889 tr. | 8/20 |
| | 137 | " 24 | Statistics of Empire tr. | 8/20 |
| | 138 | " 24 | Sanitary Reports 1884-87 tr. | 8/20 |
| | 139 | " 24 | Trade Returns monthly tr. | 8/20 |
| | 140 | " 25 | Cholera at Nagasaki. Regulations for inspection of vessels enforced at that port. Enc. | 8/20 |
| Edwin Dun, Secy. of Legn. | | " 20 | Accounts. | 8/20 |
| W. R. Gardiner, 2d Secy. of Legn. | | " 23 | Accounts. | 8/20 |
| W. N. Whitney, Interpreter | | " 26 | Accounts. | 8/20 |
| | | " 26 | Accounts, Loss by exchange | 8/20 |
| J. F. Swift | 141 | Aug. 1 | Financial information for Census. Reply to Dft sent Aug. 2 '89, transmits same | 8/28 |
| | 142 | " 5 | Foreigners & their status in Japan. Thinks it improving, but recommends no further action | 8/28 |
| | 143 | " 6 | Treaty Revision. Has rec'd Dfts. 85. Thinks English treaty not carried enough of foreign rights. Discusses extraterritorial question &c &c | 8/28 |
| | 144 | " 8 | Returns for exhib. requested. | 8/28 |

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| John F. Swift | 145 | Aug. 8 | Miscellaneous. Requests that S. Francisco Chronicle & Eng. Bulletin be sent | 7/25 |
| | 146 | " 18 | Political. Elections to first Japanese Diet. Report on and reflections on political parties in Japan. Newspaper articles encl. | 9/22 |
| | 147 | " 25 | Treaty Revision. Encl. article from Japan Daily Herald rel. to and comments on attitude of English papers on the subject and the possible application of Japanese press laws to them. | 9/22 |
| | 148 | " 28 | Same subject. In view of probabilities of treaty being concluded between Great Britain and Japan, suggests that Japanese be informed that tariff proposed in treaty of Feb. 20. 1869 is not satisfactory to the U.S., Japan not being aware of any objection thereto | 9/22 |
| | 149 | Sept. 6 | Electric light in the Legation. Authority asked to pay $25- a month for out of contingent fund. | 10/6 |
| | 150 | " 8 | Commercial Integrity in Japan. Lack of. Newspaper discussion concerning, clipgs. enc. | 10/6 |
| | 151 | " 15 | Seizure of "Kaleyon" by Japanese police. Schr. with a cargo of opium wrecked on the coast, while she claimed, she was on a voyage to Brit. Columbia. Forfeiture of the cargo is claimed for alleged violation of the laws of Japan. Correspondence with Con. Gen. enc. | 10/16 |
| | 152 | " 18 | Treaty Revision. Comments on resolutions adopted at an anti-revision meeting held in Yokohama | 10/16 |
| | 153 | " 23 | Stationery requested. | 10/16 |
| | 154 | " 23 | Treaty Revision. Meeting of foreign residents in Yokohama opposed to. Based upon a belief that England is about to agree to a treaty in which the exterritorial privileges are to be abolished Resolutions adopted. Newspaper clippings. | 10/16 |
| | 155 | " 24 | Same subject. England believed to be about to sign a treaty. European nations will follow England's lead. | 10/16 |
| | 156 | Oct. 1 | Complaint of Messrs. Stuyvesant & Wendell of delay in obtaining their travelling passports. Correspondence contradictory to the statements of complainants. | 10/30 |
| W. A. Whitney, Interpreter | | " 4 | Accounts | 10/30 |
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| Wm. R. Gardiner, 2nd Secy of Legn. | | " 4 | Accounts | 10/30 |
| | 157 | " 6 | Treaty Revision. Ill feeling pervades the community on acct. of the resolutions adopted by the foreign residents at the anti-revision meeting held at Yokohama. Japan will probably soon assume jurisdictional autonomy at all hazards. | 10/30 |
| | 158 | " 6 | Press laws of Japan. Encs. clipgs. from English papers commenting upon their enforcement by the courts & recent prosecutions of certain Japanese papers | 10/30 |
| | 159 | " 6 | Mail Pouch returned on acct. of arrest. | 10/30 |
| | 160 | " 6 | Constitutional Government in Japan. Speech of the President of the Imperial University upon, | 10/30 |
| Edwin Dun, Secy of Legn. | | " 7 | Accounts. | 10/30 |
| John F. Swift | 161 | " 7 | Treaty Revision. Memorial of English missionaries in opposition to the Yokohama resolutions. American missionaries are ready to submit to unrestricted Japanese authority. | 10/30 |
| | 162 | " 7 | Accounts. | 10/30 |
| | 163 | " 10 | Legation premises. Accounts for rent of, encs. | 11/8 |
| | 164 | " 15 | Accounts. | 11/8 |
| | 165 | " 15 | Pub. Docs. Laws of Constitution of the Courts of Japan, enc. | 11/8 |
| | 166 | " 15 | Map of the U. S. requested. | 11/8 |
| | 167 | " 15 | Parliament. Decree issued for the opening of. | 11/8 |
| | 168 | " 17 | Treaty revision. Enc. Memorial of foreigners resident at Kobe protesting agst relinquishment of extra-territorial jurisdiction. | 11/8 |
| | 169 | " 25 | Same subject. Enc. letter from Rev. J. C. C. Newton in which the writer expresses a desire to see such revision | 11/28 |
| | 170 | " 25 | Same subject. Enc. copy of a resolution adopted by the missionary assoc'n favoring revision | 11/28 |
| | 171 | " 31 | Same subject. Private interviews with leading missionaries show that they favor revision | 11/28 |
| | 172 | Nov. 1 | Same subject. Tariff autonomy in Japan. English Press opposed to it. Enc. clipgs. | 11/28 |
| | 173 | " 3 | Accounts | 11/28 |
| Wm R. Gardiner | | " 4 | Accounts | 11/28 |
| W. A. Whitney | | " 4 | Accounts (two despts.) | 11/28 |
| John F. Swift | 174 | " 10 | Coat of Arms rec'd | 12/2 |
| Edwin Dun | | " 14 | Accounts. | 12/15 |

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| John F. Swift, E.E. & M.P. | 175 | Nov. 19 | '86 to '17 rec'd. | 12/15 |
| | 176 | . 19 | Marine Conference. Reports of, not rec'd. | 12/15 |
| | 177 | . 19 | Watch and Chain presented by American residents in Japan to Ex-Min. Hubbard &c. | 12/15 |
| | 178 | . 20 | Legation premises. Occupancy of an unused house on the compound by the 2nd Secy. & Interpreter. Reasons given for the permission & asks that it be approved | 12/15 |
| | 179 | Dec. 1 | Photographic views of the Legation premises &c. | 12/26 |
| | 180 | . 2 | Attack on the ladies of the Russian Legn. by a mob owing to the elevated position above the Emperor they had taken to view the procession on occasion of the formal opening of the Diet. Clipgs. &c. | 12/26 |
| | 181 | . 3 | Diet. First meeting of, under the Constitution rept'd. Clipping enc. | 12/26 |
| | 182 | . 15 | Flag-staff. Thro' the courtesy of Admiral Belknap who placed at his disposition the fleet carpenter a new one has been made at a cost of 1/3 if the work had been done by contract. Asks that he be allowed to charge for it in his next acct. | 1/20 |
| | 183 | . 19 | Speeches in the Diet of the Prime Minister & Minister of Finance. Copies enc'd. | 1/20 |
| | 184 | . 20 | Treaty Revision. Encs. clipgs. from Japan papers on. | 1/20 |
| | 185 | . 20 | Speeches in the Diet by the Mins of War & Navy | 1/20 |
| | 186 | . 22 | Commercial Code. Bill passed lower house for postponing the taking effect of. | 1/20 |
| | 187 | . 22 | Tariff Autonomy. Proposal made in the House of Peers to recover | 1/20 |
| | 188 | . 22 | China. Encs. clipgs. from Japanese papers upon the customs & commerce of. | 1/20 |
| | 189 | . 23 | Corea. Death of the Queen Dowager of. Encs. clipgs. rel. to the Embassy from China conveying messages of condolence. | 1/20 |
| | 190 | . 23 | Political. Relations of China & Japan thought to be growing closer | 1/20 |
| | 191 | . 23 | Treaty Revision. *184 rec'd. | 1/20 |
| | 192 | . 24 | Speech of Min. for For. Affs. before the Diet enc'd | 1/20 |
| | 193 | . 24 | Treaty Revision. More anxiety being shown to recover fiscal rights than judicial rights. Feels her need of increasing her revenues | 1/20 |
| | 194 | Jan. 1891 8 | Physical training in Japan. Encs. pubs. rel. to. | 2/6 |
| | 195 | . 8 | Pub. Docs. | 2/6 |
| | 196 | . 8 | Leave of absence with permission to visit U.S. req'st'd | 2/6 |
| | 197 | . 10 | Code Commercial, Time for the taking effect of, postponed two years. | 2/6 |
| W. R. Gardiner, 2nd Secy of Legn | | . 10 | Accounts | 2/6 |
| John F. Swift | 198 | . 14 | Accounts | 2/10 |
| | 199 | . 14 | Passport returns | 2/10 |
| Edwin Dun | | . 15 | Accounts | 2/10 |
| John F. Swift | 200 | . 19 | Political. Encs. clipgs. from "Japan Herald" upon the situation | 2/10 |
| | 201 | . 19 | Political. Enforcement of "Peace Preservation Regulations" | 2/10 |
| W. R. Gardiner | | . 19 | Accounts | 2/10 |
| W. C. Whitney | | . 19 | Accounts | 2/10 |
| | | . 30 | Accounts (dup.) | 2/20 |
| John F. Swift | 202 | . 28 | Political. Encs. clipings. upon the institutions & methods of Japan | 2/20 |
| | 203 | . 29 | Fire destroys the Houses of the Japanese Parliament. Decided that it was caused by electric light | 2/20 |
| | 204 | . 30 | Accounts | 2/20 |
| Edwin Dun | | . 30 | Accounts (dup.) | 2/20 |
| John F. Swift | 205 | Feb. 7 | Extradition of Calvin Pratt. Calls attention to the fact that Japan has not been reimbursed for money expended in connection with | 3/7 |
| | 206 | . 7 | Religion. States that the Japanese Presbyterian Synod has changed the articles of faith & the Apostles Creed. | 3/7 |
| | 207 | . 11 | Collisions at Sea. Has sent the act rel. to, to For. Off. | 3/7 |
| | 208 | . 12 | '08-'124 rec'd. | 3/7 |
| | 209 | . 23 | Missionary Troubles in Nagoya. Violent opposition; meetings broken up; misunderstanding of missionaries as to their rights; call on For. Off for clearer decisions &c. Correspd enc'd | 3/17 |
| | 210 | Mar. 5 | Rifle. Govt. unable to furnish smokeless powder but will present rifle with blank cartridges & bullets. Govt desires to know if U.S. wishes them without powder | 3/27 |
| | 211 | . 6 | Type-writer requested. | 3/27 |
| | 212 | . 6 | World's Fair. Presentation of imitation. Bill appropriating $10,000 for representation at, passed in Lower House. | 3/27 |

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| Edwin Dun | 213 | Mar. 14 | Death of Minister Swift. Gives acct. of last illness encs. clipings. & correspondence rel. to | 4/13 |
| | 214 | " 16 | Same subject. Acct. of funeral. clipings. | 4/13 |
| | Tel. | " 10 | Same subject. "Hon. Swift died suddenly heart disease seven tonight." | |
| | Tel. | " 13 | Same subject. "Mr. Swift buried greatest honors. State funeral by Govt. of H. I. M." | |
| | 215 | " 16 | Text of above tels. | 4/13 |
| | 216 | " 11 | Charge of Legation. Note to For. Off. notifying it that he had assumed | 4/10 |
| | 217 | " 18 | Contingent Expenses. Asks authority to draw for | 4/13 |
| | 218 | " 20 | Accounts. | 4/13 |
| | 219 | " 26 | Pub. Docs. transmitted. | 4/22 |
| | 220 | " 26 | Pub. Doc. trans'd. | 4/22 |
| | 222 | " 27 | Accounts | 4/22 |
| | 223 | " 28 | Boycott of E & K Iuska by Merchants & Manufacturers Guild of Yokohama for refusal to pay claim of one of its members. Encs. letter to For. Off. presenting complaint & its reply stating that they are unable to order Guild to cease its proceedings | 4/22 |
| | 224 | " 30 | Accounts. | 4/22 |
| | 225 | " 30 | Coinage. Encs. report of Director of Mint | 4/22 |
| | 226 | " 31 | Accounts | 4/22 |
| | 227 | April 6 | Missionary troubles at Nagoya. Repts. that no further demonstrations have been made agst. Christians | 4/30 |
| | 228 | " 6 | Accounts | 4/30 |
| | 230 | " 7 | Accounts | 4/30 |
| | 231 | " 10 | Blue book of U. S. regs'd | 4/30 |
| W. P. Gardiner | | " 9 | Accounts | 4/30 |
| W. H. Whitney | | " 11 | Accounts | 5/13 |
| Edwin Dun | 232 | " 20 | Accounts | 5/13 |
| | 233 | " 20 | Remains of Minister Swift. Will leave Japan on "Belgic" 23d inst. | 5/13 |
| | 234 | " 20 | "125-138 rec'd. | 5/13 |
| W. P. Gardiner | | " 20 | Accounts | 5/13 |
| W. H. Whitney | | " 22 | Accounts | 5/13 |
| Edwin Dun | Tel | " 24 | Death of Minister Swift. "Ministers remains have been sent "Belgic" | |
| | 235 | May 2 | Confirms above. | 6/3 |
| | 236 | " 2 | Same subject. Reports departure of remains | 6/3 |
| | 237 | " 2 | Same subject. Emperor expresses continued sorrow. | 6/3 |
| | 238 | " 2 | Accounts | 6/3 |
| W. H. Whitney | | " 4 | Accounts | 6/3 |
| Edwin Dun | 239 | " 13 | Political. Reports retirement of Count Yamagata & appointment of Count Matsugata as Minister President of State. | 6/4 |
| | 240 | " 15 | Assault upon Czarevitch by Japanese police. Gives particulars. clipings. encl'd. | 6/4 |
| | 241 | " 15 | Accounts | 6/4 |
| W. H. Whitney | | " 15 | Accounts | 6/4 |
| Edwin Dun | 242 | " 25 | Press. States that a censorship has been established. Encs. slip | 6/20 |
| | 243 | " 26 | Supplies requested | 6/20 |
| | 244 | " 26 | Accounts | 6/20 |
| | 245 | " 27 | Kanagawa. States that exequatur has not been issued to Con. Genl. Tillotson owing to absence of Emperor. Has asked local authorities to recognize him provisionally | 6/20 |
| | 246 | " 27 | Assault upon Czarevitch. Reports departure of Prince on 19th inst. Thinks that action taken by Govt. rel. to affair has made relations of two countries stronger than ever | 6/20 |
| | 247 | June 2 | Political. Encs. note announcing appt. of Vicecount Enomoto Takaki as Min. for For. Affs. clipg. encl'd | 7/1 |
| | 248 | " 3 | Assault upon Czarevitch. Reports conviction & sentence to life imprisonment of the assailant Tsuda Sanzo | 7/1 |
| | 249 | " 3 | Accounts | 7/1 |
| | 250 | " 4 | World's Fair. States that invitation to, has been accepted by Japan. | 7/20 |
| | 251 | " 5 | Political. Reports further cabinet changes. Gives names of appointees | 7/11 |
| | 252 | " 18 | World's Fair. Encs. ordinance creating a Special Exhibition Bureau. | 7/11 |

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| Edwin Dun | 253 | June 30 | Salary as Chargé. In reply to instr. 154 directing him to draw on Morton Bliss & Co. states that before receipt of instr he had already drawn upon Secy. of State. | 7/23 |
| | 254 | July 1 | Atlas, Agricultural, of Japan enc'd | 7/23 |
| | 255 | " 1 | Rifle ammunition. States that they have been presented by Japan & that he has shipped them to the U.S. | 7/23 |
| | 256 | " 1 | Accounts & returns | 7/23 |
| | 257 | " 2 | 139-155 rec'd. | 7/23 |
| W. R. Gardiner | " | " 2 | Accounts | 7/23 |
| Edwin Dun | 258 | " 9 | Copyright. Encs. note from F.O. ack'g receipt of Act of U.S. rel. to, & stating that under existing laws of the Empire Japanese subjects are not in a position to enjoy its benefits | 8/4 |
| | 259 | " 15 | Accounts | 8/4 |
| W. R. Gardiner | " | " 15 | Accounts | 8/4 |
| W. N. Whitney | " | " 8 | Accounts | 8/6 |
| Edwin Dun | 260 | Aug. 5 | Sugar bounty. No sugar exported | 8/31 |
| | 261 | " 6 | Newspapers for Legn | 8/31 |
| | 262 | " 6 | Death of Viscount Godhida, late Minister at Washn, rep'd. | 8/31 |
| | 263 | " 20 | World's Fair. Trans. note of For. Office requesting that Japanese Govt Commissioners be invested with full control of Japanese exhibit at Chicago. | 9/8 |
| | 264 | " 20 | Supplies req'd. | |
| | 265 | " 31 | Quarantine proclaimed against Singapore, Swatow & Shanghai, precautionary measures against other Chinese ports in consequence of Cholera outbreak. Notes & corresps enc'd | 9/19 |
| | 266 | Sept 18 | Extradition of Calvin Pratt. For. Off. asks what steps should be taken to collect the money for expenses of, | 10/16 |
| | 267 | " 19 | World's Fair. Encs. note from For. Off. stating that authority desired for Commissioners included Japanese resident in the U. S. or elsewhere. | 10/16 |
| | 268 | " 21 | Korea. States that Chargé of, informed him that his King had telegraphed him that a revolution was about to take place in Korea & to ask Admiral Belknap to send a vessel there. | 10/16 |
| | 269 | Oct. 3 | Thanks extended to Mr. Whitney, Interpreter of Legn. for medical services rendered a Jap. boy who had become exhausted in the sea. | 10/26 |
| W. R. Gardiner | " | " 13 | Accounts. | 11/10 |
| W. N. Whitney | " | " 13 | Accounts | 11/10 |
| Edwin Dun | 270 | " 12 | Accounts | |
| | 271 | " 16 | Seizure of the Schr. "James Hamilton Lewis" for poaching at the Russian seal islands. Encs. letter from Con. Genl at Kanagawa reporting the seizure & the destitute & starving condition of 170 of her crew. States that he asked the Russian Min. to Japan to obtain information from Russian authorities rel. to the case but he refused. | 11/10 |
| | Tel. | Oct 17 | Same subject. "Seventeen seamen, confiscated sealing schooner "James Hamilton Lewis" San Francisco, reported destitute starving at Vladivostock. Russian authorities do not allow them to leave." | 11/18 |
| | 272 | " 27 | Accounts. | 11/18 |
| | 273 | " 27 | Seizure of the Schr. "James Hamilton Lewis" for poaching at the Russian seal islands. Confirms tel. of 17th inst. & encl. letter from Consul at Kanagawa. | 11/18 |
| W. R. Gardiner | " | " 27 | Accounts | 11/18 |
| W. N. Whitney | " | " 28 | Accounts | 11/18 |
| Edwin Dun | 274 | Nov. 9 | Earthquake of Oct. 28, '91. Gives an acct of, & encls newspaper accts. maps & photos. | 11/28 |
| Edwin Dun | 276 | " 7 | Accounts. | 12/11 |
| | 276 | " 18 | Mint. Report of, for 1891. | 12/11 |
| | Tel. | " 19 | Earthquake. "Mayebashi safe." | 12/11 |
| | 277 | " 19 | Confirms above. "Tel of Sept's. tels of the 18th inst. | |
| | 278 | " 27 | Political. Reports that the second session of the diet has been opened | 12/28 |
| | 279 | " 27 | Budget for 1892. Encs copy of, | 12/28 |
| | 280 | Dec. 1 | Visit of the Admiral of the Asiatic Russian Fleet to Wash. announced | 12/28 |
| | 281 | " 2 | Political. Encs clipg giving speech of Minister President before the Diet. | 12/28 |
| | 282 | " 2 | Accounts. | 12/28 |
| | 283 | " 3 | German Minr to U.S. states that the von Moltke will sail for U.S. Jan. 21st | 12/28 |
| | 284 | " 4 | Accounts | 12/28 |

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| Edwin Dun. | ✓286 ✓ | Dec. 12 | World's Fair. States that an appropriation of ¥30,000 yen has been voted by Parliament Encs. clipng. | 1/5 |
| | 286 | " 14 | Accounts | 1/5. |
| | ✓287 ✓ | " 26 | World's Fair articles cannot be admitted free under Japanese law but would be if addressed to Legation. Encs his note to Foreign office and reports verbal answer of Director of Political Bureau | 1/26. |
| | 288 | " 28 | Dutiable matter by mail. Encs his note and duplicate reply rel. to circular of Sept 28/91 | 1/26. |
| | 289 | " 28 | Political. Dissolution of Japanese diet reported and brief exposé of situation submitted. Encs news. | |
| | | 1892. | -paper clippings rel to address of cabinet to the Throne and commenting thereon | 1/26. |
| | 290 | Jan. 7 | Accounts. | |
| W. R. Gardiner | " | Jan. 5 | Accounts | 1/29 |
| Edwin Dun | 291 | " 8 | Murata rifle. Asks if it has been rec'd | 1/29 |
| | 292 | " 8 | Salary of Second Secretary. Encs. letter fr. him asking that it be raised & that he be paid the salary of the 1st Secretary while a Chargé remains the Chief of the Legation. | 1/29 |
| W. H. Whitney. | " | " 8 | Accounts. | 1/29 |
| Edwin Dun | ✓293 ✓ | " 12 | Seizure of the Schr "James Hamilton Lewis". Encs. note fr. Con. Genl at Kanagawa stating that he has sent the crew of the schooner to San Francisco. | 2/8 |
| | 294 | " 18 | Earthquake in Japan. Transmits book of photographs of. | 2/8 |
| | 295 | " 19 | Accounts | 2/8 |
| | 296 | " 20 | Political. Gives ordinance issued for a new election for the Diet | 2/8 |
| | 297 | " 20 | Dinner given to German minister to the U.S. Encs. an acct. of, & states that he will sail on 21st | 2/8 |
| | 298 | " 20 | Pens. Request for | 2/8 |
| W. R. Gardiner | " | " 20 | Accounts. | 2/8 |
| W. H. Whitney | " | " 20 | Accounts. | 2/8 |
| | ✓299 ✓ | " 30 | Complaint of John G. Walsh vs customs authorities at Kobe for the collection of an ad valorem duty of five per cent on cordage. Claims that a specific duty should have been levied instead. | 2/24 |
| | 300 | Rec. 16/56-180 rec'd | | 3/10 |
| | 301 | " 24 | Political. Elections for new Diet took place amid considerable disorder; troops interfered in some places; but slight majority reported in favor of the Government; Diet meets about May 1 | 3/21 |

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| Edwin Dun, Chargé ad interim | C 302 | March 8 | Coolies. Emigration of, to U.S. States that he has information that the Str. Batavia sailing on the 17th inst. for Portland, Oregon will have on board 300 coolies as emigrants under contract to work in the U.S. as laborers. Thinks the scheme is backed by parties in the U.S. with capital & that it is in contravention of the U.S. alien labor laws. | 3/30 |
| | 303 | " | 16 Political. Cabinet changes reported. "Japan Daily Mail's editorial encl'd | 4/7 |
| | 304 | " | 16 Same subject. Ermie Ministry, Count Ito's resignation, tendered and refused. Newspaper clipp'd encl'd | 4/7 |
| | 305 | " | 17 Peerage report has been sent to Director of the Mint | 4/8 |
| | 306 | " | 23 World's Fair Dedication. Program of ceremonies desired by Japanese Govt | 4/18. |
| | Tel | " | 25 Trial of Lieut Hetherington "Will you permit Gardiner to attend Hetherington trial as stenographer No other available" | |
| | C 307 | " | 26 Same subject. Confirms above and gives reasons for sending it; tel. in reply repeated | 4/18 |
| | C 308 | " | 30 Copyright in Japan. Report req'd in "182 expected to be ready by April 13. | 4/18 |
| | 309 | " | 30 Statistical Report of Japanese War Dep. Original & translation Encl'd | 4/ |
| | C 309[2] | April | 12 Rescue of Jap. sailors by Am'n Ship "John Currier". Note of thanks for the, from the Min. of F.A., transmitted | 5/ |
| | 310 | " | 12 Supplies req'd | 5/ |
| W. N. Whitney Interpreter | — | " | 17 Accounts. | 5/14 |
| Edwin Dun, Chargé ad int | C 311 | " | 18 Treaty Revision. Committee has been appointed to examine the question and make proposals. Its composition indicative of an earnest purpose. Enc's names of members and comments of the "Daily Mail" | 5/14 |
| | C 312 | " | 20 Copyright in Japan. Laws & regulations of, encl'd. Japan's favorable dispositions for reciprocal convention are tempered by a desire to make it an inducement for the revision of treaties and the exclusion of native jurisdiction to foreigners, in certain cases. | 5/14. |
| | 313 | " | 22 Accounts | 5/ |
| W. R. Gardiner Jr. 2d Sec'y | — | " | 22 Accounts | 5/ |
| Edwin Dun, Chargé ad interim | 314 | " | 23 Statistics of Japan. Two copies of the Imperial Bureau of Statistics report for 1892 encl'd | 5/14 |
| Frank L. Coombs Ee & M.S. | — | " | 25 Oath encl'd | 5/14 |
| Edwin Dun, Chargé ad int | C 315 | May | 1 Seal-killing on Robin Island (Russian) by British Sealers. Enc's report of proceedings before British Court of Japan between sealers for division of the catch, at request of Russian representative who has referred the case to his Govt with a view to protecting Russian rookeries. | 5/27 |
| | 316 | " | 5 World's Fair Letter of Bd of Lady Managers with Inst. 187. A reply has been ordered by the Empress. Notes encl'd | 5/27 |
| | 317 | " | 5 Accounts, duplicate. | 5/27 |
| | 318 | " | 6 World's Fair. The honorary Commissioner of the, received by the Emperor and Empress | 5/27 |
| | 319 | " | 6 Political. Opening of the second Diet by the Emperor, this day. | 5/27 |
| | 320 | " | 6 Light houses, ships &c of Japan. List of, corrected to Jan. 1/92 encl'd | 5/27 |
| W. N. Whitney, Interpreter | — | " | 6 Accounts, duplicate. | 5/27 |
| Frank L. Coombs, E.E. & M.S. | — | " | 10 Departure for post this day announced. #1 acted | 5/6. |
| W. R. Gardiner Jr. 2d Sec'y | — | " | 16 Leave of 60 days, to visit US in July or August req'd. Asks that he further be informed by tel. if it is granted | 6/6. |
| Edwin Dun, Chargé ad int | 321 | " | 16 Same subject. Approves the above application | 6/6. |
| | C 322 | " | 18 Discourtesy to U.S. Consul at Nagasaki by failure to fire salute on his leaving the Spanish War vessel "Reina Christina". Reports the, and encloses correspc passed between Legation, U.S. Consul & Spanish Consul and explanation offered by Admiral de Veiga. | 6/8 |
| | 323 | " | 18 Political. Address of the Emperor in opening the second Diet, encl'd | 6/8. |
| | 324 | " | 18 Same subject. The Diet passed a resolution of inquiry into interference with elections and was prorogued for one week. Discusses the situation and encloses papers relating thereto. | 6/8 |
| | 325 | " | 18 Compensation as Chargé. In compliance with Inst. of April 22, he will only draw for salary as Secretary. Asks to be advised without delay when he may draw for the balance due him as Chargé. | 6/8 |
| | 326 | " | 23 Account for rent. | 6/ |
| | 327 | " | 23 Legation quarters Lease of, received for two years. Instrument encl'd for approval | 6/ |
| | 328 | " | 26 Trade (foreign) of Japan. Annual report of, for 1891, encl'd | 6/ |
| Frank L. Coombs, E.E. & M.S. | 1 | June 2 | Arrival at post and interview with Min. for F.A. reported, early audience expected. | 6/28 |
| Edwin Dun, Chargé ad int | C 329 | " | 7 Tax, 2% of his salary imposed on W.J. Callahan, an Am'n trader by local authorities of Tokushima. Enc's his protest, reply of Min. for for. Aff. defending the action of Tokushima authorities on the ground that the tax is legal and that Mr. C. is living outside of foreign settlements, and Mr. Dun's protest against violation of spirit of treaty. | 6/ |
| | C 330 | " | 7 Tax on carriages owned by Am'n living out of the Kobe concession. Mr. has instructed Consul at Osaka not to publish the notice of Council of Kobe by the Mayor of Hiogo [illegible] | 6/ |

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| Frank L. Coombs, Ch'd'A & M.P. | 2 | June 8 | Accounts | 6/28. |
| Edwin Dun, Chargé ad int. | 331 | " 9 | Account for rent of legation (duplicate) | 6/28. |
| | 332 | " 9 | Minister for Home Affairs Count Soyejima's has resigned, Count Matsukata is acting temporarily | 6/28. |
| | 333 | " 10 | Compensation as Chargé. Tel. of June 9 acknd; he has not drawn for, since receiving Ins[n] of April 22. | 6/28 |
| | 334 | " 10 | [illegible] 181 to 196, Tel[s] to June 9/92 and Circ[r] to May 7/92 rec'd | 6/28. |
| Frank L. Coombs, Ch'd'A & M.P. | 3 | " 10 | Newspapers for legation San Francisco "Evening Bulletin" req[d] in lieu of the S.F. "Chronicle" | 6/28 |
| Edwin Dun, Chargé ad int | 335 | " 13 | Accounts & Passport returns. | 7/14 |
| Frank L. Coombs, Ch'd'A & M.P. | 4 | " 13 | Audience by the Emperor. Reports the presentation of credentials, and his address and Emperor's reply | 7/14 |
| | C 5 | " 21 | Tax on the salary of W. J. Callahan. Ref. to [illegible] 369, and encloses reply f. Min. For Af. maintaining that Japan has not surrendered by treaty the right to levy taxes on foreigners residing out of Foreign Settlements, also letter fr. Mr Callahan stating his case at length and enclosing his contract as teacher | 7/14. |
| | C 6 | " 21 | Seal poaching in Russian waters by Schr "Bow head" of San Francisco. Enc's information on, and from Russian Charge | 7/14. |
| | C 7 | " 21 | Subventions to shipping industry &c. Encs information rel. to, as furnished by Jap. Govt. | 7/14. |
| | 8 | " 21 | Accounts, duplicate | 7/14. |
| | 9 | " 22 | Customs courtesies req[d] for Austrian Min. to Japan on his way home via San Francisco | 7/14 |
| | 10 | " 22 | Furniture will be purchased out of contingent fund for the Minister's office-room. | 7/14. |
| | 11 | " 22 | Supplies req[d] | 7/14. |
| W. R. Gardiner Jr, 2nd Sec'y | ~ | " 22 | Leave. Will sail on, July 3, on board "City of Peking"; free entry of personal effects req[d] | 7/14. |
| Frank L. Coombs, Ch'd'A & M.P. | C 12 | " 30 | Tax on carriages owned by Am[n] living out of the Kobe Concession. The Japanese Govt, while maintaining its right to tax foreigners outside of foreign settlements, rescinded the order issued by Kobe authorities. Notice enc'd | 7/23 |
| | C 13 | " 30 | Kerosene from Russia. Reports arrangements made for the importation of, in tank steamers to Eastern countries | 7/23 |
| | C 14 | " 30 | War vessels' supplies are purchased free of duty on Japanese ports. Reply to Circ. of May 2. | 7/23. |
| | 15 | " 30 | Copy of leg. despatch No 5 req[d] | 7/23 |
| Edwin Dun, Sec'y | ~ | July 1 | Accounts. duplicate. | 7/23. |
| Frank L. Coombs, Ch'd'A & M.P. | 16 | " 2 | Secretary Gardiner will sail for San Francisco, on leave, July 3. | 7/23. |
| | 17 | " 9 | Inventory of archives and U.S. property at legation, trans[d] | 8/9 |
| | 18 | " 9 | Accounts | 8/9 |
| | C 19 | " 13 | Contract labor law's effect upon Japanese emigration. Reports interview with Min. for F.A. rel. to impression created by the return of Japanese emigrants under the, wherein assurances were given that Japan would respect the letter and spirit of the law and discourage emigration under contract. Asserts to treaty between Japan and Hawaii providing for emigration to Hawaii under contract and enc's letter to U.S. Minister printed in Jap. newspaper on the subject | 8/9 |
| | C 20 | " 14 | Traveling passports (Japanese). Reports the number of, issued to Americans and expense involved to legation. Suggests that a small fee be allowed to be charged for same. | 8/9 |
| | 21 | " 14 | World's Fair dedication. Japan will be represented at the; note enc'd | 8/9. |
| | C 22 | " 15 | Extra-territoriality Suspension of, as to Portuguese subjects. Enc's decree of July 15 abrogating henceforth, stipulations of Consular Jurisdiction of the treaty with Portugal. | 8/9. |
| | 23 | " 15 | Blanks for salary account req[d] | 8/9 |
| Edwin Dun, Sec'y | ~ | " 15 | Account. | 8/9 |
| | ~ | " 15 | Account as Chargé, draft advised. | 8/9. |
| W. R. Whitney, Interpreter | ~ | " 15 | Account | 8/9 |
| Frank L. Coombs, Ch'd'A & M.P. | 24 | " 18 | World's Fair Favorable reply to letter of Board of Ladies Managers by Min. of F.A. in behalf of the Empress, enc'd | 8/17. |
| | 25 | " 25 | World's Fair Congress Auxiliary Accompaniments to Circ of June 13/92 have not been rec'd | 8/17 |
| | 26 | " 25 | Misnumbered Despatch of June 30 Asks that No 30 be changed to 13 | 8/17 |
| | 27 | " 25 | Secretary of State Appointment of Hon. John W. Foster as acknd | 8/17 |
| | C 28 | " 25 | Residence of Min removed to Nikko, with easy access to the capital, for the summer. | 8/17 |
| Edwin Dun, Sec'y | ~ | " 26 | Accounts - duplicate. | 8/17 |
| Frank L. Coombs, Ch'd'A & M.P. | 29 | " 26 | Accounts - duplicate. | 8/17 |
| | C 30 | " 27 | Extra-territoriality Suspension of, as to Portuguese subjects. Refers to No 22 and explains that the decree of July 15 was promulgated after some exchange of notes with Portugal by reason of the failure of said Govt to establish competent courts by defect of law and by character of Consular appointments, that it was based on the Constitution of Japan of 1889; discusses the importance of the question in the estimation of the Japanese people and its bearing upon relations with treaty powers: enc's unofficial note of Ch'd'A Min. Bingham stating that the Consular Courts system is an obligation not a privilege of treaty powers. | 8/17 |
| W. R. Gardiner Jr. 2nd Sec'y | ~ | " 27 | Arrival at Washington, Indiana, on leave, July 26 reported. | 8/17 |
| | ~ | " 28 | Account for salary | 8/17 |

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| Frank L. Coombs, EE&MP. | c 31 | Aug. | 11 Kerosene from Russia. Refers to Ins° 13, reports that the Jap. Govt has still under consideration the proposition for the importation of, in tank Steamers, and enc's memorandum sent by the legation to the F.O. setting forth reasons which should induce the Jap. Govt to demur to the experiment | 8/27 |
| | c 32 | " | 11 Cordage. Duty of 5% collected on cotton rope imported by John G. Walsh. Ref to Ins 185 and enc's reply of Jap. Govt which, quoting U.S. Treasy decision, maintains that "cordage" only includes ropes used for vessels | 8/27 |
| W. N. Whitney, Interpreter | ~ | " | 6 Accounts. Duplicate | 8/27 |
| Frank L. Coombs, EE&MP | 33 | " | 25 Accounts corrected as instructed by Ins° 11, transd | 9/22. |
| | c 34 | " | 25 Wreck of the Am: Vessel "North American" on the coast of Yokusenia Kiau. Recommends recognition by Congress of the bravery of the natives who rescued the crew. Enc's notes exchanged and report of the Gov: | 9/22 |
| | 35 | " | 27 Political. New Cabinet appointed. Discusses the change and enc's editorial fr "Japan Daily Mail" | 9/22 |
| | 36. | " | 29 World's Fair. Laborers (25) will sail Sep. 19 to build temple at the Three Commissioners will sail Aug 30. | 9/22 |
| | 37 | " | 29 Type writing machine req'd. | 9/22 |
| | 38 | Sep. | 6 World's Congress Auxiliary. Public and private institutions have been informed of the invitation to the. | 9/28 |
| | c 39 | " | 6 World's Fair. Laborers (1 native) sent to the. Request of the Min. for F.A. for their prompt admission, transmitted | 9/28 |
| | c 40 | " | 6 Extra Territoriality. Suspension of, as to Portuguese subjects. Enc's Memorandum of Japanese Govt rel. to | 9/28. |
| | 41 | " | 7 Accounts duplicate corrected. | 9/28. |
| Edwin Dun, Secy | ~ | " | 15 Account for Salary as charge from April 1 to June 13, 1892. | 10/7 |
| Frank L. Coombs, EE&MP. | 42 | " | 16 Customs countersig req'd for Mexican Min. to Japan on his way home. | 10/7 |
| W. R. Gardiner Jr. 2d Secy | ~ | " | 19 Leave. Extension of, until Presidential election, req'd | 10/21 |
| | ~ | " | 19 Same subject. Dep. letter of Sep. 17 asked | 9/21 |
| Frank L. Coombs, EE&MP. | c 43 | " | 26 World's Fair dedication. Min Tateno and Mr Toshimas appointed delegates to the. Note Enc'd | 10/20. |
| | 44 | " | 27 197-198, 2 to 26 and enc's to July 21/92 rec'd. | 10/20. |
| | 45 | " | 29 Maritime laws of Japan. Note and information rel. to, transmitted | 10/20. |
| | 46 | Oct. | 3 World's Fair Postal Exhibit. Enc's answer of Japanese Director Gen. to the 3d assist Postmaster General | 10/28. |
| | 47 | " | 6 Supplies req'd | 10/28. |
| | 48 | " | 6 Accounts | 10/28 |
| Edwin Dun, Secy | ~ | " | 6 Account. Salary | 10/28. |
| | ~ | " | 7 Account as Charge. New account submitted; draft drawn as per Instruction of July 21, 1892. | 10/28. |
| Frank L. Coombs, EE&MP | 49 | " | 7 Immigration laws of the U.S. Information as to number and nationality of people refused admission under the, requested. | 10/28. |
| | c 50 | " | 7 Emigration (Japanese) to the U.S. In connection with reported outrages on Jap. laborers in Idaho enc's clippings from the press forecasting retaliation; the Jap. Govt does not share in this feeling and has issued instructions (inclosed) to Governors and Consul at Honolulu toward discouraging emigration to the U.S. The question discussed at length | 10/28 |
| W. N. Whitney, Interpreter | ~ | " | 21 Account. | 11/5. |
| Frank L. Coombs, EE&MP. | Tel | " | 27 Death of Mrs Harrison. Govt of Japan ask whether they shall observe official mourning. | 10/27 |
| | c 51 | " | 28 Policy (internal) of Japan. Interference of foreign representatives with. In connection with suspension of extra-territoriality and game laws, conferences of diplomatic corps were called which he declined to attend and only resulted in ill feeling among the participants and excitement among the people. Explains his action | 11/9 |
| | c 52 | " | 29 Extradition for crimes committed in extra-territorial countries. In the case of C.E. Miller charged with embezzlement in Yoke and whose extradition from Singapore was requested of the legation by the U.S. Consul at Osaka, he has declined to act. Discusses the question and gives reasons for his action. | 11/9 |
| | 53 | " | 29 Death of Mrs Harrison. Text of tel's exchanged with Dep. | 11/9 |
| | 54 | " | 29 Same subject. Marks of respect to be observed by legation. Sympathy shown by Japanese people and authorities | 11/9 |
| | 55 | " | 29 Accounts, Duplicate | 11/9 |
| W. N. Whitney, Interpreter | ~ | " | 29 Account, Duplicate | 11/9 |
| Edwin Dun, Secy | ~ | " | 29 Account, Duplicate | 11/9 |
| Frank L. Coombs, EE&MP. | 56 | Nov. | 9 Naval Review in New York. Japan unable to participate. Note rec'd | 11/30 |
| | 57 | " | 9 Type writing machine rec'd | 11/30 |
| W. R. Gardiner Jr. 2d Secy | ~ | " | 15 Resignation tendered to take effect at once. Free entry req'd | 11/17 |
| | ~ | " | 14 Account, enc'd | 11/17 |
| Frank L. Coombs, EE&MP | c 58 | " | 26 Testimonial to villagers who rescued the "North American" (No 34) Check for $350 transd to Min. for F.A. under Ins° 32. Note fr Min. for F.A. enc'd. Names of rescuers will be sent later | 12/19 |
| | c 59 | Dec. | 2 Immigrants (Japanese) in the U.S. Investigation into the condition of, by Kataoya Kuto has shown reports of outrages grossly exaggerated and caused better feeling. Clipping from Japan Gazette enc'd | 12/ |

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| Japan | | 1892 | | |
| Frank L. Coombs, Ex. M.P. | c 60 | Dec 13 | Police regulation forbidding entertainment over night in private houses. Enc's petition of Amer citizens at Nagoya, against. Min. for F.A. cannot direct its suppression, in view of existing law under which it is enforced at that place, but proposes to speak with the Governor concerning the matter | 1/4. |
| | c 61 | " 16 | Lumber rafts. Towing of, at sea. All rafts in Japan being on inland waters, no regulations seem necessary Note Enc'd | 1/4 |
| | c 62 | " 17 | Testimonial to rescuers of "North American". Enc's receipt of Govr. of Tokushima and reports upon proceeds of draft and use to be made of the money in behalf of the villagers. | 1/14 |
| | c 63 | " 19 | Korea and Japan Negotiations for revision of treaty between, will probably be defeated by foreign representatives. Enc's corresp[ce] with Min to Korea rel. to assistance to be given to Gen. LeSendre, Korean negotiator | 1/4. |
| | c 64 | " 19 | Fees collected on local passports obtained through the legation. Furnishes explanations as to, and asks whether the system which is mainly for the convenience of applicants may be continued. | 1/14. |
| | 65 | " 19 | Emigration, Japanese, to the US. Enc's clipping from the "Bee" of San Francisco demanding restriction of | 1/14. |
| | c 66 | " 19 | Extraterritoriality, suspension of, as to Portuguese subject. Submits the case of Mr de Souza, interpreter of the US. Consulate at Nagasaki who wishes to be placed under the protection of the US. The Min. thinks it should not be done, until circumstances arise calling for a decision in the matter. Corresp[ce] with Consuls Enc's | 1/14. |
| | 67 | " 19 | Statistical Institute, Meeting of the, at Chicago 1893. Japan declines invitation in Circ. of June 22. Note Enc'd | 1/18. |
| | c 68 | " 26 | Extradition for crimes committed in extra territorial countries. Contrary to his advice, as per [No] 52, Consul at Kiogo requested extradition of C.E. Miller charged with embezzlement at Kobe, which was denied by the court at Singapore, Miller ultimately returning of his own accord from Java, whither he had gone under an assumed name, a penal offence under the law of Java. Enc's Consul's letter and proceedings at Singapore | 1/18. |
| | 69 | " 26 | Leave of absence from Feb 1 to visit China and return within the month, and tel. answer req[d] | 1/18. |
| | c 70 | " 27 | Testimonial to rescuers of "North American". The sum of $350 instead of being distributed will be kept as a common fund for the purchase of boats. Names of prominent rescuers. Suggests appropriation of money by Congress as an incentive for natives to aid shipwrecked seamen. Notes and Gov's report Enc'd | 1/18. |
| | Tel | " 28 | Death of Mrs Harrison. No response being rec'd to message of condolence from the Emperor, it is commented on in official circles. | 1/28. |
| | | 1893 | | |
| | c 71 | Jan. 4 | Kerosene from Russia. Reports that Brit and Russian Govts have urged the granting of privileges refd to in [No] 13 and Enc's note addressed to Min. for F.A. after ascertaining that Amer kerosene pays duty in cans also suggesting that the latter be remitted if oil in bulk is admitted. | 2/13. |
| | c 72 | " 5 | Tax on alcohol, contemplated. Transmits protest of Yokohama Chamber of Commerce to the dean of dip. corps pointing to resulting violation of treaty with Austria, and refers to corresp[ce] between Japanese leg. and Lep. in 1890, rel to Spott's claim, as showing the disposition of Japan to insist on her sovereign right of taxation, treaties to the contrary notwithstanding | 2/13. |
| Joseph Rogers Herod, 2nd Sec'y<br>Frank L. Coombs, Ex. M.P. | | " 9 | Appointment accepted; oath of office Enc'd; born in Columbus, Ind. | 2/11. |
| | 73 | " 9 | Death of Mrs Harrison. Enc's note to Min. for F.A. addressed in anticipation of Dis. 48. | 2/13 |
| | 74 | " 9 | Same subject. Text of tels exchanged. | 2/13 |
| Edwin Dun, Sec'y<br>Frank L. Coombs, Ex. M.P. | | " 12 | Account. | 2/7 |
| | 75 | " 12 | Accounts. | 2/7 |
| | c 76 | " 13 | Kerosene. Remission of duties on tins and cans will receive consideration. Reply of Min. for F.A. to note inclosed in [No] 71. | 2/7 |
| Joseph Rogers Herod, 2nd Sec'y<br>Frank L. Coombs, Ex. M.P. | | " 14 | Letter of credit returned. | 1/16 |
| | 77 | " 16 | Postal system of Japan. Report Enc'd. Valuable services of Sec'y Dun and Interp. Whitney in rel. with | 2/7 |
| | c 78 | " 18 | Police regulation referred to in [No] 60 has been relaxed. Letter from Fred. C. Klein of Nagoya Enc'd. | 2/7 |
| | 79 | " 18 | Death of Mrs Harrison. Dis. 49 rec'd. It had been anticipated as stated in [No] 73. | 2/7 |
| | 80 | " 18 | Supplies req[d] | 2/7 |
| Joseph Rogers Herod, 2nd Sec'y<br>Frank L. Coombs, Ex. M.P. | | " 18 | Compensation while receiving Dis[s]; settlement req[d], will leave Indianapolis Jan 29 | 2/21. |
| | c 81 | " 20 | Testimonial to villagers, rescuers of "North America". Disposition made of $350. Notes & receipt Enc'd | 2/23 |
| | 82 | " 21 | Account. Corrected voucher for account in [No] 75 Enc'd | 2/23 |
| Joseph R. Herod, 2nd Sec'y<br>Frank L. Coombs, Ex. M.P. | | " 25 | Account for instructions, period | 2/27 |
| | 83 | " 25 | Accounts, duplicate | 2/23 |
| | 84 | " 25 | Death of Mrs Harrison. Acknowledg[t] of letter of condolence Enc'd | 2/25 |
| | 85 | " 25 | [No] 27 to 53, tel[s] and circ[s] to Dec 2/92 rec'd | 2/23 |
| | 86 | " 26 | Remains of Miss Mary Allen West sent to Chicago. Action of leg. reported. Letter of thanks to Min for F.A. for assistance Enc'd | 2/28 |
| Edwin Dun, Sec'y | | " 25 | Account - duplicate | 2/23 |
| Willis R. Whitney, Interpreter | | " 27 | Account. | 2/23 |

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| Frank L. Coombs, C.E.&M.P. | 87 | Jan. 2 | Crimes. Punishment of. Reply to Circ. of Oct 24 encl'd | 2/23. |
| | c 88 | " 3 | Fur seal poaching. Proceedings in Jap. Diet rel to measures for the prevention of, and policy of the Govt in the matter | 3/1. |
| | " | Feb. 1 | Resignation tendered, to take effect on arrival of successor. Letter to Presid't. encl'd | 3/1 |
| | c 89 | " 3 | Political situation fully discussed; complexion of the Diet; struggle between the Executive and legislative out of which the Emperor is kept by common accord; social volution; proceedings and press comments encl'd | 3/1. |
| | 90 | " 3 | World's Fair Fire extinguishing Exhibit. Box of photo's and apparatus transm'd for Mr Bates. Reply to 37 | 3/1. |
| | 91 | " 5 | Leave. Departed for China this day on, granted by tel of Jan. 18 | 3/1. |
| Willis R. Whitney, Interpreter | " | " 6 | Account duplicate | 3/1. |
| Edwin Dun, Charge ad int. | 92 | " 6 | Legation, charge of, assumed this day | 3/1. |
| | c 93 | " 16 | Political. The Diet after passing address to the throne by a large majority in opposition to the Govt, adjourns, but the Imperial rescript, placing itself above partisanship, puts an end to opposition for the time being. Clipping from press giving proceedings, rescript and comments thereon encl'd | 3/11. |
| | 94 | " 17 | World's Fair Postal Exhibit. Additional articles and box's forwarded. | 3/11. |
| Frank L. Coombs, E.E.&M.P. | 95 | Mar. 6 | Return to post from China on Mar 2 reported. | 3/28. |
| | 96 | " 6 | Secretary (second) Joseph R. Hercod arrived Mar 3 and entered upon duties Mar. 4. | 3/28. |
| | 97 | " 6 | Death of ex-Presid't Hayes. Circ of Jan. 18, complied with. | 3/28. |
| Edwin Dun, Sec'y | " | " 7 | Accounts as Charge and as Sec'y encl'd | 3/28. |
| Joseph R. Hercod, 2nd Sec'y | " | " 7 | Arrival at post reported. Delay in transit unavoidable. | 3/28. |
| Frank L. Coombs, E.E.&M.P. | c 98 | " 21 | Passport applications of Alexander Powers and Basil Powers, born in Russia of a native citizen, the former just of age, the latter within a few months of reaching majority, who have never been in the U.S. and propose to engage in business in Russia. Personal applications of both have been denied, and a passport issued to the father including Basil as a minor child. Memo from Russian law as giving them option of allegiance, thus creating a dual status and from Foreign Relations to sustain his action. Applications & correspondence with Consul at Hiogo encl'd. | 4/22 |
| Edwin Dun Sec'y | " | " 23 | Accounts, duplicate | 4/22 |
| Frank L. Coombs, E.E.&M.P. | 99 | " 24 | Nagasaki. Recog'n granted to Chas Arthur Arnold as Vice Consul at. Enc's correspondence showing that it was necessary to obtain consent of British legation, Mr Arnold being a British subject | 4/22 |
| | 100 | " 27 | Death of James G. Blaine. Circ. complied with | 4/22 |
| | 101 | " 29 | Trade returns of Japan (foreign) for 1892. | 4/22 |
| Edwin Dun, Sec'y | Tel | April 3 | Leave. "Will you grant month leave of absence to visit Wash'n D.C. The steamer will leave 8th" | 4/3. |
| | " | " 5 | Accounts | 4/28. |
| Joseph R. Hercod, 2nd Sec'y | " | " 5 | Account = Duplicate dated April 15 rec'd 5/9. | 4/28. |
| Willis R. Whitney, Int. | " | " 7 | Account = Duplicate dated April 17 rec'd 5/9. | 4/28. |
| Frank L. Coombs, C.E.&M.P. | 102 | " 12 | 74 asks | 5/9 |
| | 103 | " 13 | Secretary of legation" Dun sailed April 8, on his leave. Min' will remain till he returns as C.E.&M.P. | 5/9 |
| | 104 | " 15 | Account | 5/9. |
| | 105 | " 17 | World's Fair Congress Auxiliary. Appoint't of delegates is receiving Govt's consideration. Rep to 75 | 5/9 |
| | c 106 | " 17 | Korea. Anti Christian agitation in. Enc's tel of Japanese Min. to his Govt reporting apprehensions. | 5/9 |
| | 107 | " 28 | Accounts, duplicate | 5/23 |
| | c 108 | " 28 | Rescue of cargo & crew of Japanese vessel by Rev. A. Snelling who loaned his own vessel for the. Enc's letter of thanks from Min. for F.A., reply thereto, and letter to Mr Snelling | 5/23. |
| Edwin Dun, | Tel | " 29 | Leave. "Arrived at my home at London, O., yesterday. Will report to you at Wash. May 3." | 4/29 |
| Frank L. Coombs, E.E.&M.P. | 109 | May 2 | Accounts. Corrected voucher encl'd | 5/26 |
| | c 110 | " 3 | Korea. Difficulty with arises out of unauthorized prohibition of exports by local authorities in violation of agreement. Japan complains. Mediation of the U.S. would be the most likely to be accepted. | |
| | 111 | " 16 | Absence from legation on a visit to Kyoto from May 3 to 11, reported. | 6/2 |
| | 112 | " 17 | World's Fair. Letters of W. of Lady Managers have been delivered. Replies sent thro' legation at Wash'n | 6/2 |
| | 113 | " 17 | Copy of Desp. 110 req'd | 6/2 |
| | 114 | " 17 | World's Fair Congress Auxiliary. Mr Watanabiki Chutaro appointed delegate to Portland Exp. No other | 6/2 |
| | 115 | " 17 | Supplies req'd | 6/2 |
| | 116 | " 17 | Publications. Non-receipt of, rel to Brit postal service, cir Dec. 77. | 6/2 |
| | c Tel. | " 17 | Korea and Japan. "Confidentially am informed that Min. of Japan has been ordered to withdraw from Korea if of failing to comply on the part of Korea with an ultimatum in reference to claims arising out of prohibition of exports. I think good offices of U.S. Min. at Korea would be acceptable to Japan. Have telegraphed the U.S. Minister. Strictly private." | 5/7 |

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| Japan | | | | |
| Frank L Coombs, E&MP. | 117 | May 18 | Korea and Japan. Text of tel. to Dep. of May 17. | 6/12 |
| | C 118 | " 18 | Korea and Japan. Text of tel. sent to Dlm. at Seoul, as to acceptability of good offices. | 6/12 |
| | 119 | " 18 | 5H to 82 and Circs to April 1/93 acknd | 6/12 |
| | C 120 | " 18 | Korea and Japan. Explains situation reported in tel: present Japanese Govt not inclined to war, would rather see China assert her sovereignty over Korea. | 6/12 |
| | 120B | " 26 | Same subject. Text of Dep. tel | 6/24 |
| | C 121 | " 26 | Same subject. Motives of Jap. Govt in this, as in the Hawaiian incident, appear to have for chief object a diversion of public feeling from domestic to foreign questions. Enc's comments of the native press on the settlement of the dispute. | 6/24. |
| Edwin Dun, E&MP | 1 | " 27 | 1 ackd. Letter of credit returned. | 5/29 |
| | 2 | " 27 | Lease of legation. Modification of, suggested, by deducting $600 per annum for purposes of repair which if not used after two years would be returned to Jap. Govt. Reminds the Dep. that perpetual lease at nominal rent may be secured by paying 30000 yen. | 5/29. |
| Frank L. Coombs, E&MP | 122 | " 29 | Seoul. Charge of legation at. 2nd Sec'y Heed sailed May 27 to assume, under Ins. 83. | 6/24 |
| | C 123 | " 29 | Meteorologists' Conference Japan declines invitation. | 6/24. |
| | 123A | June 8 | Minister of the US. Appoint't of Edwin Dun as 82 ackd. His Com's efficiency attested. | 7/3. |
| | 124 | " 8 | Letters of recall will be held until successor's arrival. Reply to 86. | 7/3 |
| | 125 | " 8 | Free entry. Thanks to Treasy for, of his personal effects | 7/3 |
| | 126 | " 16 | Account for rent. | 7/11 |
| | 127 | " 16 | Missing despatch 5. Requests a copy of. | 7/11 |
| | 128 | " 16 | Chicago. Sanitary condition, regulations, &c. of, req'd for Pres't of Jap. National Bd of Health | 7/11 |
| | 129 | " 26 | Nagasaki. Appoint't of C.A. Arnold as Vice Consul of the US. is concurred in by Gt Brit. Note Encd | 7/21. |
| | 130 | " 26 | Free entry for personal effects req'd. Expects to depart July 22. | 7/21 |
| | C 131 | " 26 | Passport application of Mrs Emily Jane Smith, daughter and widow of American citizens, but who was born abroad, never resided in the US. and is going to France there to marry a Russian. It has been declined; if Dep. decides to issue one it should be sent to Marseilles, France | 7/21 |
| Edwin Dun, E&MP. | 3 July | 5 | Arrival at post on July 2 and interview with Min. for FA. reported. | 7/31 |
| | 4 " | 5 | Draft on Brown Shipley & Co for salary as Chargé. Enc's bankers' letter for correction of error as to dates, if deemed necessary. | 7/31. |
| Frank L. Coombs, E&MP. | 132 | " 6 | Letters of recall. Reports his requesting an audience for the presentation of his. | 7/31 |
| | 133 | " 6 | Drafts for salary and transit. Asks instructions as to the latter. | 7/31. |
| Edwin Dun, E&MP. | 5 | " 12 | Accounts, Salary in transit | 8/8 |
| Frank L. Coombs, E&MP | C 134 | " 13 | Visit, incognito, of Prince Yoshito, to the US through Canada. Will leave Aug 14. | 8/8. |
| | 135-136 | " 14 | Accounts. | 8/8. |
| | 137 | " 14 | 83 to 95 and Circ's of June 2 and 9 ackd | 8/8. |
| | 138 | " 14 | Free entry for personal effects req'd | 8/8. |
| Willis R. Whitney, Interpreter | — | " 14 | Account. | 8/8 |
| Edwin Dun, E&MP | 6 | " 14 | Credentials presented this day. Address encl'd. | 8/8 |
| | 7 | " 14 | Inventory of Archives and property encl'd | 8/8 |
| Frank L. Coombs, E&MP | 139-143 | " 14 | Accounts and duplicates. | 8/21. |
| | 144 | " 14 | Letters of recall presented this day: address to and reply of the Emperor encl'd. Evolution of the Far East nations. Asserts to the, and points to the share the US. should take in the new fields. Emigration from Japan. Calls attention to the growing and the necessity of providing for it | 8/22 |
| | C 145 | " 14 | Passport applications of Americans residing in the East. Referring to Ins. 84 observes that these citizens are propagating the influence of the US. and thinks they are entitled to the fullest protection | 8/21. |
| Edwin Dun, E&MP. | 8 | " 20 | Account, duplicate. | 8/29 |
| | 9 Aug. | 2 | Cipher Volume and Polocryptic Code are renumbered 25. | 8/29. |
| Confidential | C 10 | " 2 | Extra-territoriality. Suspension of, as to Portuguese subjects. Enc's confidentially memorandums of Port. Min. requesting revival of Consular jurisdiction and to same definitively declining same. Refers to dep. 22 and 30 of 1892 on the same subject. | 8/28. |
| Frank L. Coombs, E&MP | 146 | " 15 | Account for transit home at Napa, Cal from July 15 to Aug 15, encl'd. | 8/22 |
| | 147 | " 16 | Account. duplicate | 8/31 |
| Edwin Dun, E&MP | C 11 | " 16 | Visit of Archduke Francis Ferdinand of Austria. Encl note fr. Aust Min. informing him that the Archduke will sail for Vancouver B.C. on the 28th inst. & to the US. will be made incog. | 8/ |

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| Edwin Dun, E.E.&M.P. | 12 | Aug. 16 | Supplies, blank forms, req^d | 9/6 |
| | 13 | " 16 | Medical Institutions in Japan. Reply to Circ. of June 2 trans^d | 9/6 |
| | 14 | " 16 | 1 to 9 and Circ's to July 7 acks^d | 9/6 |
| Willis R. Whitney, Int. | — | " 17 | Account, Duplicate | 9/6 |
| Edwin Dun, E.E.&M.P. | 15 | " 25 | Coinage &c. Report of Japanese Mint trans^d (2 copies) | 9/14 |
| | Tel. | " 27 | Visit of "The archduke of Austria is expected to arrive Vancouver Sep. 6th. Soon afterwards is going to San Francisco, traveling strictly private in the name of Count Artostetten." | 9/27 |
| | C 16 | " 28 | Confirms above. | 9/25 |
| | 17 | Sep. 2 | Account for tel^s | 9/25 |
| | C 18 | " 11 | Rescue of the "North American" Prominent part taken by the Gov^r of Satsushima Mr Yoshiomi Seki should be recognized. Suggests presentation of silver ornamental piece | 9/25 |
| | C 19 | " 7 | Irrigation Congress at Los Angeles. Japan cannot be represented but requests a report of proceedings. | 10/0 |
| | 20.21 | " 9th | Account, Duplicate = Rent voucher, Duplicate. | 10/0 |
| | 22 | " 14 | Publications, postal, referred to in Desp. 95 cannot be traced. | 10/0 |
| Frank L. Coombs, late E.E.&M.P. | — | " 17 | Accounts; awaits instructions as to this, in^t 146-147, before drawing. | 9/25 |
| Edwin Dun, E.E.&M.P. | C 23 | " 20 | Death, probable, of Dr David Scott Monerief, a Commissioner of the World's Fair Congress Auciliary, who went on a boating excursion on the estuary of Amoor River and never returned. Report of Russ. Min. trans^d | 10/16 |
| | 24 | " 22 | Flags for legation req^d | 10/16 |
| Joseph R. Herod, 2nd Sec'y | — | " 28 | Return to post from Korea reported. Left Seoul on Sep. 9 and resumed duties at Tokyo Sep. 15. | 10/21 |
| | — | " 26 | Account for salary and traveling expenses while Chargé at Seoul. | 10/21 |
| Edwin Dun, E.E.&M.P. | C 26 | " 29 | Cable between China and Japan. Encs confidential note from private Sec'y to Min. for F.A. saying that certain privileges not specified, have been granted conditionally and for a limited number of years to the Great Northern Tel. Co. Reply to^d 19. | 10/21 |
| | 26.27 | Oct. 5 | Accounts, salary & Contingent expenses. | 10/20 |
| W. R. Whitney, Interpreter | — | " 7 | Account. | 10/30 |
| Joseph R. Herod, 2nd Sec'y | — | " 11 | Account. | 11/8 |
| Edwin Dun, E.E.&M.P. | C 28 | " 12 | Death of David Scott Moncrief. Body found on Saghalian Coast and brought to Port Alexandrovski. | 11/8 |
| | 29 | " 12 | Accounts, Duplicate. | 11/8 |
| | C 30 | " 13 | Emigration of Japanese laborers to the U.S. Reports the existence of a native Company which has for its object the, and has a contract with 18 Companies. While the danger of large emigration is remote, representations have been made to Min. for F.A. who is studying means of checking same. | 11/8 |
| | 31 | " 14 | Death of Hamilton Fish. Flag will be displayed at half-mast for ten days. | 11/8 |
| | 32 | " 16 | Coinage &c. in Japan. Report has been sent to Director of the Mint. | 11/8 |
| Joseph R. Herod 2nd Sec'y | — | " 26 | Account, Duplicate. | 11/20 |
| Edwin Dun, E.E.&M.P. | C 33 | " 27 | Currency Question as affected by depreciation of Silver. Commission appointed to investigate the. Ordinance and list of members as published in the Japan Daily Mail encl. | 11/20 |
| | Tel. | Nov. 21 | Seal fisheries. "Japanese Govt are prepared to adhere to seal fisheries regulations provided similar protection is extended to Jap^se Seal fish^g in line of instr^n Oct 16th from Mr Gresham to Jap. Min. at Washt^n D.C." | 11/21 |
| | C 34 | " 22 | Same subject. Text of tels read and sent on the. | 12/19 |
| Confidential | C 35 | " 23 | Hawaii. Revolution in. Jap. Representative was instructed to recognize, at once and formally, the Govt of the Queen in the event of restoration, to turn towards the same, in case of disputed authority, and to accept, without participating in the politics of the Islands, any govt that might be established. These instr^ns were carried on Nov 17 by war vessel Naniwa, whose interference in domestic affairs is disclaimed by Jap. Govt | 12/19 |
| | C 36 | " 23 | Seal Fisheries. Reports interviews with Min. for F.A. who discloses instructions to Jap. repres^ve to Tel and G. Brit. and expresses Jap. willingness to adhere to regulations provided her interests were at least considered. | 12/19 |
| | C 37 | " 23 | Same subject. Transfer of sealing vessels to Jap. flag. Text of Sep. Tel. rel. to. | 12/19 |
| | 38 | " 23 | Same subject. Interview will be sought with Min. for F.A. | 12/19 |
| | Tel | " 27 | Same subject. "Jap^se Govt agree to take measures to prevent foreign vessels using the flag of Japan to evade seal fisheries regulations but declines to require bona fide Japanese vessels to observe regul^ns unless protection asked for should be given to Japanese seal fisheries." | 11/27 |
| | C 39 | " 29 | Same subject. Confirms above. | 12/23 |
| | C 40 | Dec. 1 | Same subject. Reports his interview with the Vice Minister for F.A. and the subsequent reply given in leg. Tel. of Nov 27, adding that bona fide Japanese Vessels have not heretofore been engaged in seal hunting and are not likely to do so in the face of regulations to be adopted. | 12/23 |

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| Edwin Dun, E.E. & M.P. | #1 | Dec. 1 | Political. Opening of the 5th Session of Diet on Nov. 28. Press report encl'd. | 12/23 |
| | #2 | " 1 | 10-29 acknd | 12/23 |
| | #3 | " 1 | Account for tels | 12/23 |
| | #4 | " 1 | Supplies req'd. | 12/23 |
| | #5 | " 11 | Account for tels duplicate | 1/6. |
| | c #6 | " 13 | Seal fisheries. Transfer of vessels engaged in, to Japanese flag. Enc's instructions to Japanese Consuls and home authorities for the prevention of. | 1/6. |
| | c #7 | " 15 | Political. Extraordinary proceedings of the House of Representatives culminating in an order of expulsion of its President voted by a large majority, discusses same and enc's press clippings. | 1/6. |
| | c #8 | " 23 | Jurisdiction of Consuls over Americans once deported from Japan and returning without permission. Reports the case of one Lake in which Consul at Nagasaki at first refused to exercise jurisdiction on the ground that he was an outlaw; Con. reconsidered his decision and put some questions as to certain contingencies which, with Min's reply, are submitted to the Dep. Enc's correspondence | 1/19 |
| | c #9 | " 25 | Political. Prorogation of the Diet for ten days caused by a motion which is considered to affect relations with treaty powers and will involve dissolution of the Diet if pushed through. Newspaper clipping encl'd | 1/19 |
| | c 50 | Jan. 1894 3 | Same subject. Correct translation of the motion referred to above enc'd for substitution in #9. | 1/24 |
| Confidential | c 51 | " 4 | Same subject. Dissolution of the Diet has been decreed and the next one will also be dissolved if the motion on strict enforcement of treaties is supported by a majority thereof. The present opposition, led by politicians, is portentous as indicating a spreading of the anti foreign sentiment and by the fact that the person of the Emperor is beginning to be involved may result in serious consequences. Enc's clippings giving Speech of Min for F.A. previous to dissolution and commenting thereon | 1/24 |
| Frank L. Coombs, late E.E. & M.P. | " | " 11 | Draft. Directions req'd as to how he is to make out his. | 1/17 |
| Edwin Dun, E.E. & M.P. | 52 | " 11 | Passport Returns. | 2/2 |
| | 53.54 | " 11 | Accounts. | 2/2 |
| Joseph R Hixod 2nd Sec'y | " | " 12 | Account — duplicate dated Jan 22, rec'd 2/13 | 2/2 |
| Willis Norton Whitney, Int. | " | " 12 | Account — duplicate dated Feb. 2 rec'd 2/28 | 2/2 |
| Edwin Dun, E.E. & M.P. | c 55 | " 19 | Testimonials to villagers for rescue of "North American" Enc's receipts, notes to and from Min. for F.A. and letter of acknd from Govr. Yoshi Omi Seki. Jap. Govt wishes its thanks tendered to the Pres't | 2/13 |
| | 56 | " 22 | Accounts, duplicate | 2/13 |
| | c 57 | " 31 | Pardon of Charles E. Miller, confined in Consular jail at Kanagawa. Enc's, with his recommendation, the petition and accompanying doc's. | 2/28 |
| | 58 | " 31 | Anniversary of Emperor's marriage. Asks for cable instructions as to conveying Pres't's congratulations | 2/28 |
| | 59 | Feb. 8 | Interstate Commerce Commission Report. Note acknd the. Enc'd. Rep. to #35 | 2/5. |
| | c 60 | " 19 | Political. Resolution of the Diet. Enc's representations of members of the House of Peers against the, and the statesman like reply of Prime Min in which it is declared that the Govt will pursue the revision of Treaties on reasonable terms and will resort to other means after failure of diplomatic negotiations | 3/15. |
| | 61 | " 19 | 30 to #3 acknd | 3/15 |
| | c 62 | " 21 | Revision of Treaties. Bases on which Japan desires to enter into negotiations with the U.S. to be conducted at Tokyo or Washington at the option of the U.S. Autonomy and reciprocity its essential features. Negotiations with Gt Britain suspended in 1890 have been resumed and Gt Britain is expected to give a definite reply shortly after the arrival of Brit. Min. at Tokyo. Enc's confidentially draft of the propositions made in 1890 as amended by present Govt of Japan. Presents reasons why the wishes of Japan should be acceded to and Consular jurisdiction done away with. | 3/15. |
| | 63 | Mar. 3 | Anniversary of Emperor's marriage. Enc's note asking how and when the Pres't's congratulations may be presented. Reply to dep. tel. | 3/16. |
| | c 64 | " 3 | Political. Elections for the House of Representatives took place Mar 1 without serious disturbances. Result apparently favorable to the opposition. The Diet will convene May 1. | 3/16 |
| | c 65 | " 12 | Same subject. Election Returns and Comments as printed in the "Japan Daily Mail" rec'd | 4/7 |
| | 66 | " 12 | Anniversary of Emperor's marriage. Congratulations of the Pres't were tendered at an audience. Remarks encl'd | 4/7 |
| | 67 | " 12 | Same subject. Account of the ceremonies as published by the Japan Daily Mail rec'd. Audience to the foreign representatives was conspicuous for its absence of the customary reserve on the part of the Emperor | 4/7 |
| | c 68 | " 24 | Admeasurement of Vessels. No change since Act '89. Ref. to #46 | 4/24 |
| Joseph R. Hixod, 2nd Sec'y | " | " 31 | Account | 4/ |
| Edwin Dun, E.E. & M.P. | 69 | April 10 | Account — draft for same by endorsement | 4/ |

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| Edwin Dun, E.E. & M.P. | 70 | April 10 | Publication. Trade Returns and Statistics 1893, encl'd. | 5/4. |
| | 71 | " 10 | Accounts. | 5/4. |
| | c 72 | " 11 | Asylum granted by Korean Legation to would be murderers of a Korean political refugee. Japanese Govt threatened to enter the legation by force if the men were not surrendered, Korean representative yielded but the next day protested and left, closing the legation. Korean Govt disavowed this action as well as the attempt at Tokyo and the assassination at Shanghai of another Korean refugee. Press clippings encl | 5/4. |
| | 73 | " 12 | Supplies req'd. | 5/4. |
| | 74 | " 12 | Coinage, &c. Report has been sent to Director of the Mint. | 5/4. |
| | 75 B | " 12 | Account for salary | 5/4. |
| | c 75 | " 19 | Revision of Treaties. Hawaii having surrendered extraterritorial jurisdiction receives in return rights of travel residence, and rent of dwellings and warehouses, but not of real estate holding for her subjects. Enc's clipping from Japan Daily Mail publishing and commenting on Ordinance to that effect. | 5/2. |
| | c 76 | " 19 | Emigration from Japan. Regulations issued for the control, encl'd with comments of Japan Daily Mail. They seem to remove dangers to U.S. Pacific Coast pointed out in his #30 | 5/2. |
| W.N. Whitney, Interpreter | — | " 19 | Account, duplicate | 5/2. |
| Joseph R. Herod, 2nd Sec'y | — | " 20 | Account, duplicate | 5/2. |
| Edwin Dun, E.E. & M.P. | c 77 | " 20 | Murder of political Korean refugee Kim Yok Kuin at Shanghai. Remains brought to Korea by Chinese man of war were quartered and exposed to public view; murderer rewarded for his crime. Indignation felt at this action and apparent complicity of China. | 5/2. |
| | 78 | " 20 | Accounts, duplicate | 5/2. |
| | c 79 | " 20 | Emigration from Japan. Supplemental instructions rel to refusal of passports to laborers emigrating in violation of U.S. Contract and Immigration laws, and requiring sworten from emigrants to U.S., Canada, Australia and Hawaii, encl'd. | 5/2. |
| | Tel | " 21 | Revision of Treaties. "With a view to submission of formal proposal at an early date Jap. Min. for F.A. desires to know if the project with my No 62 is acceptable as the basis for negotiation." | 4/21. |
| | 80 | " 30 | World's Fair. Book for Empress of Japan in Dec. 30 has not yet arrived. Mrs Palmer so informed. | 5/28. |
| | c 81 | " 30 | Revision of Treaty. Confirms tel. of April 21 which was sent at request of Min. for F.A. who expects a favorable answer from Gt Britain at an early date and is anxious to remove the question from the field of political discussion. | 5/28. |
| | c 82 | May 1 | Humane efforts of Japanese Navy Dep. to rescue the crew and officers of the American Sealing Vessel "Retriever" cast away in boats and ultimately picked up by other sealing vessels. Enc's report of Com'r of Jap. War vessel "Iwaki Kan" and note of thanks to Minister of Marine | 5/28. |
| | 82 B | " 10 | Account for tel's | 6/1 |
| | 83 | " 16 | Political. Opening of the Diet on May 15 by the Emperor in person. Account of proceedings Enc'd | 6/11 |
| | 84 | " 16 | Account for tel's, duplicate. | 6/11 |
| | 85 | " 21 | Customs Courtesies for French Minister to Japan req'd | 6/12 |
| | c 86 | " 24 | Revision of Treaties. Min. for F.A. declares in the Diet that the Govt will pursue its policy as to, and that interference of the Diet will entail its dissolution. Adverse motions defeated. Speech Enc'd | 6/12 |
| | 87 | " 24 | Tidal phenomena. Report has been forwarded to Coast & Geod. Survey. Rep. to Circ. of March 21. | 6/12 |
| | 88 | " 24 | Visit of Ex Secretary of State John W. Foster. He was presented to the Emperor | 6/12 |
| | 89 | June 1 | Plague in China. Ordinance ordering inspection of vessels and Leg's notice to the same effect, Enc'd | 6/25. |
| | 90 | " 4 | World's Fair. Papers presented by Mrs Palmer to the Empress have been delivered to P.O.R. to 30. | 6/25. |
| | 91 | " 8 | Account for rent of legation. | 6/25. |
| | c 92 | " 4 | Political. Dissolution of the Diet ordered, after 18 days' sitting, on the passage of an address hostile to the Govt. Enc's address. | 6/25. |
| | 93 | " 4 | #44 to 67, Circ's to April 23 and tel. of Feb. 23 ackd | 6/25. |
| | 94 | " 14 | Account for rent, duplicate | 7/18 |
| | c 95 | " 15 | Korea. Rebellion in China and Japan both sent troops, the former to assist in suppressing the rebellion, the latter, ostensibly to protect Japanese life and property. The large force sent however indicate a purpose to combat Chinese influence in Korea and is fraught with danger. Japanese censorship over newspapers. | 7/18. |
| | 96 | " 16 | Plague in China. Additional precautions taken by Japan against invasion of. | 7/18. |
| | 97 | " 17 | World's Fair. Book presented to the Empress in behalf of Mrs Palmer. Note of thanks Enc'd. R to #90 | 7/18 |
| | 98 | " 20 | Death of Brit Minister, Hugh Fraser, reported. | 7/18 |
| | 99 | " 21 | Shipping Taxes and dues on. Enc's information furnished by Min for F.A. Rep. to #52. | 7/18 |

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| Edwin Dun, E.E.&M.P. | C100 | June 21 | Earthquake in Tokyo and Yokohama. Enc's newspaper accounts of the serious effects of. | 7/18 |
| | 101 | " 22 | Korea. Rebellion in. Enc's tel. exchanged with U.S. legation at Seoul rel. to withdrawal of Jap. troops | 7/18 |
| | C102 | " 22 | Plague in China. Inspection and if necessary disinfection and quarantine of vessels ordered by Japan. Enc's notice published by legation in Japan "Mail" and "Gazette" | 7/18 |
| | 103 | " 22 | Forest distribution in Japan. Report and map transmitted. Reply to #42. | 7/18 |
| | 104 | " 28 | Medical Inspector to be permanently attached to Consulate General at Yokohama. Encloses and endorses a letter from Dr Eldridge recommending the appointment of a | 7/27 |
| | C105 | " 28 | Kerosene Oil Storage fee in Govt warehouses has been reduced nearly one half. Reports legation's action in the matter and Enc's corresp^ce with Standard Oil Co's agent and note of thanks to Min for F.A. | 7/27 |
| | Tel | " 28 | Korea. Difficulties between China and Japan over. "Chinese Japanese relations relative to Korea very critical, but Japanese Govt expects that matters will be amicably arranged." | 6/28 |
| | C Tel | " 29 | Same subject. "In case of withdrawal of Japanese Minister at Peking, will the U.S. use their good offices to protect Japanese archives and subjects in China." | 6/29 |
| | 106 | " 29 | Same subject. At interview, Vice Minister for F.A. explains that the sending of troops to Korea at the time of the difficulty over beans export prohibition was prevented by Chinese interference and that in the present instance troops were sent to bring about a reform of corrupt administrative system of Korea, with or without cooperation of China | 7/27 |
| | C107 | " 30 | Same subject. Reports interview with Vice Min. for F.A. in regard to protection of Japanese in China and confirms tel of June 29 which was sent in consequence. | 7/27 |
| | 108 | " 30 | Same subject. Text of leg. tel of June 30. | 7/27 |
| Willis R. Whitney, Interpreter | — | July 7 | Account. | 7/6. |
| Edwin Dun, E.E.-M.P. | Tel | " 3 | Korea. Difficulties between China and Japan. Min. for F.A. explains that troops were first sent under treaty of '82 and then increased on China sending large forces. China refused to act with Japan toward securing administrative reform which would put an end to rebellions and Japan will carry out her demand in spite of China. Suggests good offices by the U.S. to avert further complications. | 7/5. |
| | 109 | " 12 | Accounts and Passport Returned. | 8/6 |
| | Tel | " 10 | Korea. Difficulties between China and Japan over. Japanese Govt disclaims any intention on Korea's territory and believes that reforms essential for peace and good government would be accepted by Korea but for China's interference; she insists that the insurrection still exists and will not withdraw her troops at present. Adds that war with Korea is not apprehended nor likely with China | 7/11 |
| | C110 | " 13 | Same subject. Text of tels from and to the Dep. | 8/6 |
| | C111 | " 13 | Same subject. Reports at length interview with Min. for F.A. as condensed in his tel of the 10th | 8/6 |
| | C112 | " 14 | Same subject. Attitude of Japan, as laid down by Min. for F.A., is one of absolute friendship, the aim being to insure Korea's independence. Reports interview had on receipt of Dep tel of July 7 and encloses notes exchanged on that occasion. | 7/6 |
| Joseph R Herod 2nd Sec'y. | — | " 16 | Account. | 8/6 |
| Edwin Dun, E.E.-M.P. | Tel | " 19 | War between China & Japan. Protection of Chinese in Japan by U.S. Legn during. "A war between Japan and China seems inevitable. Chinese Govt requests me to take Chinese in Japan under protection of U.S. Japan consents. Will you authorize me to do so. Duty will be urged today by Japanese Govt to protect Japanese in China." | 7/21 |
| | C113 | " 23 | Same subject. Confirming above gives details of interviews with Min. of China at Tokio and with Min. of F.A. To the former he stated the nature of the protection the Legn could afford referring to course of Mr. Washburne at Paris in 1870-1. Encs tel. to Denby, Peking. | 8/16 |
| | 114 | " 24 | Accounts, duplicate. | 8/16 |
| | Tel. | " 24 | Minister of Japan to U.S. "Mr. Tateno at Washn has been recalled. Kurino has been appointed. Sails for U.S. day 3. The change is made to facilitate the negotiation of the treaty." | 7/24 |
| | 115 | " 24 | Same subject. Confirming above speaks of high character and ability of the new minister. | 8/16 |
| | C116 | " 24 | Revision of Treaties. Draft '66 has been given confidentially to Min. F.A. and the objections thereto expressed have been fully discussed but since new Min. will soon arrive in Washn with full powers to negotiate Mr Dun refrains from indicating the modifications Japan will accept. However, thinks Japan will readily agree to wishes of U.S. concerning restriction of immigration of laborers. | 8/16 |
| Joseph R Herod. 2d Sec. | — | " 24 | Account, duplicate. | 8/16 |
| Edwin Dun. E.E.&M.P. | C Tel | " 25 | War between China and Japan. "Chinese Govt is very anxious that you authorize me to protect subjects of China in case of war. We are not asked to assume jurisdiction, only use good offices currently observed. | |
| | C117 | " 27 | Same subject. Account of Brit. Gen. Min. at Seoul by Japanese soldiers. Encs. correspondence with Min. Sill. rel. to | 8/24 |

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| Edwin Dun, E.E. & M.P. | Tel. | July 28 | Minister of Japan to U.S. "Japanese Min. of F.A. regrets me to say Korea's knowledge of English, familiarity with history of treaty revision and the views of the Jap. Govt will in their opinion facilitate negotiations" | 7/29 |
| | Tel | " 30 | War between China and Japan. "Have not rec'd a tel. dated 26th Some have been rec'd dated very early 27th No declaration of war but a state of war exists. Severe naval engagement off Korea 25th inst. Japanese victorious. It is claimed by Jap. Govt hostilities were commenced by Chinese. Fighting in Korea is reported. Telegraphic communication interrupted. Peace is now hopeless" | 8/1 |
| | c118 | " 31 | Same subject. Encs. note from Jap. Min. for F.A. detailing action of Japan in Korea and stating that negotiations between China & Japan have been broken off | 8/27 |
| | 119 | " 31 | Text of Dept. tels. of July 26th, 26th, & 27th and of Legn tels. of July 25th, 28th, & 30th | 8/24 |
| | 120 | " 31 | War between China & Japan. Protection of Chinese in Japan by U.S. consuls. Encs. copy of his Ins. to consular officers to use their good offices to protect Chinese. | 8/27 |
| | Tel | Aug 1 | Same subject "Formal notice has been given by Jap. Min for F.A. of the existence of war with China" | 8/2 |
| | c121 | " 2 | Same subject. Jap. Govt gives formal notice of existence of war. He has assumed charge of archives of Chinese Legn and protection of Chinese subjects in Japan. | 8/27 |
| | 122 | " 2 | Text of Legn tel. of Aug. 1. | 8/24 |
| | 123 | " 2 | War between China & Japan. He has notified Con. Gen. Kanagawa of existence of war. | 8/27 |
| | c124 | " 2 | Same subject. Protection of Chinese Legn & subjects in Japan. Encs. corresp. with withdrawing Chinese Min. | 8/27 |
| | c125 | " 2 | Same subject. Relates measures taken for safety of Chinese Legation property in Tokyo. | 8/27 |
| | 126 | " 3 | Same subject. Encs. clippings from "Japan Mail" giving history of Japan's relations with Korea and commenting on the comparative strength of China and Japan. | 8/27 |
| | c127 | " 3 | Same subject. Enc. notice published informing U.S. citizens of their duties and liabilities (referring to §§ 4083 & 4076 [R.S. (2d)] | 8/27 |
| | c128 | " 3 | Same subject. Encs. Imperial Receipt formally declaring war against China. This receipt will not be officially communicated to the foreign representatives, the notice of 31st inst being considered sufficient to secure to Japan a recognition from foreign governments of all belligerent rights. | 8/27 |
| | Tel. | " 3 | Same subject "Declaration of war has been made by the Emperor of Japan against China" | 8/31 |
| | 129 | " 3 | Same subject. Confirms above. | 8/24 |
| | 130 | " 3 | Newspapers for Legation. Rejs N.Y. "Herald" and San Francisco "Examiner" to continue. | 8/27 |
| | 131 | " 3 | Account for telegrams. | 8/24 |
| | c132 | " 4 | War between China and Japan. Encs. correspondence between Legations at Tokyo and Peking. | 8/24 |
| | Tel | " 4 | Same subject. Events in Korea. "U.S. Min. at Seoul desires me to telegraph you the following: Japanese by force took possession royal palace July 23. Korea has accepted demands of Japan. The King desires foreign countries to intercede with Japan for him. 50 U.S. Marines are at Legation of U.S." | |
| | c133 | " 6 | Same subject. Events in Seoul. Encs. report on, of Jap. Min at Seoul to F.O. Confirms above tel. | 8/24 |
| | c134 | " 6 | Same subject. Exemption of private vessels of belligerents from capture. He has acted as channel of communication between China and Japan on this subject on account of its importance to our commerce in the East. Encs. correspondence. | 8/24 |
| | 135 | " 6 | Same subject. Text of Dept. tel. of Aug. 3. | 8/24 |
| Willis R. Whitney. Interpreter Edwin Dun, E.E. & M.P. | " | " 6 | Account for salary (duplicate). | 8/24 |
| | c136 | " 9 | Hakodate. Establishment of a consulate of the U.S. at Jap. Govt submits the case of Customs Seal on Schr "Bonanza" having been broken, and complains that absence of Consulate Court which was active in 1880'82'83 and'84 precluded the imposition of penalty for the offence. Notes encd | 9/11 |
| | 137 | " 9 | Account for tels - duplicate. | 9/11 |
| | c138 | " 10 | War between China and Japan. Chinese subjects residing in Japan are allowed to remain under condition of registration. Encloses ordinance. | 9/11 |
| | c139 | " 10 | Same subject. Outrage at Tongku by Chinese soldiers on Japanese Consul's family. U.S. Min. to China is asked, at the request of Jap. Govt to investigate and reports that offenders will be punished. Con. encs | 9/11 |
| | 140 | " 13 | Telegrams sent at request of Jap. Govt. Dept. for F.A. desires to refund cost of the. | 9/11 |
| | c141 | " 13 | War. Exemption of merchant vessels of either belligerent by the other. Japan declines to define contraband in advance and wants Japanese vessels visiting Chinese treaty ports also exempted. Agreement likely to fail on that account. Enc's tels to and from U.S. legation at Tokio and notes with F.O. | 9/11 |
| | c142 | " 13 | Treaty between Gt Britain and Japan was signed July 16. Enc's note giving notice and apologizing for delay | 9/11 |
| | c143 | " 13 | War. Sinking of Brit. Str. "Kowshing" carrying Chinese troops to Korea by Japanese war vessel Naniwa. Official report of the President of the Japanese Imperial Board of Legislation encd | 9/11 |
| | 144 | " 14 | War. Movements of Japanese land and naval forces to date reported. | 9/11 |

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| Japan | | | | |
| Edwin Dun, Envoy E. & P. | C145 | Aug 21 | War between China and Japan. Exemption of merchant vessels from captivre. Japan withdraws from negotiations regarding the. Eve's note from Min. for F.A. and tels exchanged with legation at Peking | 9/12 |
| | C146 | " 21 | Protection of Chinese in Japan. Relief of destitute seamen and subjects. Eve's corresp$^{ce}$ with Con. Gen. rel. to 28 seamen assisted by Consul at Kobe and tel. to Peking asking whether provision for such cases will be made by China. | 9/12 |
| | C147 | " 22 | War. Defence of Tokyo Bay and Nagasaki harbor by submarine torpedoes. Eve's note from F.O. and notice issued for the guidance of vessels entering those ports. | 9/12 |
| | 148 | " 22 | Despatch from U.S. legation to Korea (#38) transmitted. | 9/12 |
| | 149 | " 22 | War. Reconnoitring expedition of Jap. fleet in Gulf of Pe-tchi-li fails to meet the Chinese fleet a battle is expected shortly to take place in Korea. | 9/12 |
| | 150 | " 22 | Fate of Mrs J. Lindsay Patton. Encloses her letter dated from Kuzuizawa in reply to Ins. 78. | 9/12 |
| | C Tel | " 25 | Treaty between Gt Britain and Japan. Ratifications exchanged this day. | 9/25 |
| | 151 | " 27 | #68 to 89. | 9/22 |
| | 152 | " 27 | Explanations as to seeming anti-Chinese spirit in his #106. Reply to #89. | 9/22 |
| | C153 | " 31 | Protection of Chinese in Japan. China will pay for return of destitute seamen referred to in #146. Other Chinamen must be cared for by their guilds. | 9/22 |
| | C154 | " 31 | Treaty between Gt Britain and Japan. Text of, and of Imperial receipt of ratification encld | 9/22 |
| | C155 | " 31 | Spy, alleged, arrested at Tien-tsin. Eve's note of late Charge d'affaires of Japan at Peking requesting him to cause legation of U.S. to demand his release, and his tel. to Peking suggesting good offices only | 9/22 |
| | 156 | Sept 1 | Protection of Chinese in Japan. No difficulty encountered. Chinese residents are confidently relying upon it. | 9/22 |
| | C157 | " 1 | Spies, alleged, arrested at Shanghai. Japanese foreign office says they are boy students and wear Chinese dress for sake of economy. Legation at Peking was telegraphed to request delay | 9/22 |
| | C158 | " 1 | Minister for F.A. Mr Mutsu made a Viscount by the Emperor in recogn of his services in treaty with Gt Britain | 9/22 |
| | 159 | " 1 | Text of Dep. tel's of Aug 26 and 29 and of leg. tel of Aug. 25 | 9/22 |
| | 160 | " 1 | War between China and Japan. No engagement of consequence has taken place in Korea. Japanese forces now there number 40000 men. | 9/22 |
| | Tel | " 4 | Same subject. Military attachés will be allowed to follow Japanese armies. Asks if U.S. will send one. | 9/4 |
| | 161 | " 7 | Account for tels. | 10/1 |
| | 162 | " 7 | Text of legation tel. of Sept 4. | 10/1 |
| | C163 | " 8 | Treaty between Gt Britain and Japan and diplomatic correspondence in connection with and completion of same transmitted. | 10/1 |
| | C164 | " 8 | War. Military attachés permitted to accompany Japanese armies. Reports interview with Min for F.A. | 10/1 |
| | 165 | " 8 | Political. Returns of elections to the Diet not yet complete; generally favorable to the Govt | 10/1 |
| | 166 | " 8 | War. No news of consequence up to date. | 10/1 |
| | C Tel | " 12 | Scott's Emulsion. Internal taxation of will be discontinued on certain stated conditions bearing chiefly on a change to be brought in the labels. | 9/12 |
| | C167 | " 19 | Same subject. Reports at length his action in the matter, adverts to the principle of Japan's right to tax American articles which have already paid import duties, and Eve's corresp$^{ce}$ with Scott's Agent and Japanese Govt. | 10/1 |
| | 168 | " 20 | Alliance Treaty between Korea and Japan to endure until peace with China. Text Encld. | 10/1 |
| | Tel | " 18 | Victory of Japan in Korea. "The following tel. has been rec'd from the U.S. Min. at Seoul: 'Please cable Dep. Chinese army totally annihilated at Phyong Yang by Japanese sixteenth September.'" | 9/18 |
| | Tel | " 20 | Same subject. "The following tel. has been rec'd: 'Please cable the Dep. of State: Japanese fleet destroyes eleven out of seventeen Chinese war vessels at the mouth Yalu River 16th instant. Jap. fleet unharmed. Bill.' Jap. Govt has rec'd a tel. saying 'Five Chinese war vessels destroyed.'" | 9/20 |
| | C169 | " 20 | Electrical Units. Special Committee does not entirely agree with Chicago Congress recommendations. Eve's report and corresp$^{ce}$ with Japanese F.O. Mly to Ins 31 | 10/11 |
| | C170 | " 20 | Text of tels | 10/11 |
| | C171 | " 20 | War. Exemption of light house tenders from molestation by Japanese requested by China's Customs Service and refused by Japan. Eve's correspondence, including letter from Ad Charge at Peking (insisting upon request, which was not acted upon, as coming not from China but from U.S. Legation | 10/11 |
| | 172 | " 20 | Victories of Japan on land and at sea. Account of the, as reported in tels of Sep. 18 and 20. | 10/11 |
| | 173 | " 20 | Text of legation telegram of September 20. | 10/11 |

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| Edwin Dun E&MP. | c Tel | Sept 27 | Korean legation at Washington "The following tel. has been rec'd from Sill" Korean Govt paid me equivalent to nineteen hundred seventy two (1972) dollars in Gold." | 9/27 |
| | c 174 | " 28 | Passport facilities granted to Brit. subjects under recent treaty will, from Oct 20, be extended to US citizens, subject to existing rules and regulations. Notes requesting and granting this favor enc'd | 9/27 |
| | c 175 | " 29 | Naval battle of Yalu. Official account of the Japanese victory enc'd | 10/1 |
| | c 176 | " 29 | Text of tels of Sept 21 and 27 from & to Dep. enc'd. | 10/2 |
| | 177 | " 29 | 90 to 103, circ's of July 17 and Aug 14 and tels acknowledged. | 10/27 |
| | c 178 | " 29 | Protection of Chinese in Japan. Ins. 101 will be obeyed. | 10/27 |
| | 179 | Oct. 11 | Collisions at Sea. Rules provided for, under Proclamation in Ins. 110, have been referred to the proper authorities | 10/31 |
| | c 180 | " 23 | Military operations. 35000 troops embarked at Hiroshima presumably destined for Port Arthur. 40000 troops now in Korea. | 11/13 |
| | c 181 | " 23 | Spies arrested at Shanghai were executed at Nanking on Oct 8, notwithstanding assurances of Chinese Minister at Washington given in Ins. 128. | 11/13. |
| | 182 | " 23 | War. Speech of the Emperor at the opening of the Special Session of the Diet, called on account of the | 11/3. |
| | c 183 | " 23 | Same subject. Speech of the Prime Minister submitting diplomatic correspondence preceding the war, and setting forth circumstances leading to it. | 11/2 |
| | c 184 | " 23 | Same subject. Special Session voted 150 million yen for the war and adjourned on Oct 22. Its action reviewed in the "Japan Daily Mail." | 11/3 |
| | c 185 | " 29 | Jurisdiction over Seamen of Japanese or other nationality coming under Japanese jurisdiction claimed by Japan. Enc's printed correspondence between Minn. for FA and Govr of Kanagawa on the subject and note protesting against such assumption. Minn. for FA in interview declines to withdraw the correspondence but gives assurance that no action will be taken tending to complications. | 11/9 |
| | 186 | " 29 | Military attaché W.J. O'Brien arrived on Oct 25. Japanese authorities will facilitate his departure for seat of war | 11/9 |
| | c 187 | Nov. 7 | Concerning Anglo-Japanese treaty. Jurisdiction over Seamen. Corrections in his despatch No 185 requested. | 12/3. |
| | c 188 | " 7 | Same subject. Minn. for FA suggests that the questions should be left in abeyance until some specific case may arise which would give it practical importance. Refers to No 185. | 12/3 |
| | Tel. | " 6 | Arrest of Americans Wilde and Howie under contract with China for implements destined to destroy Japanese fleets. Reports the, on French Steamer "Sydney", the protest of French authorities, and asks instr | 11/6. |
| | c 189 | " 8 | Same subject. Text of the above. | 12/3 |
| | c 190 | " 8 | Same subject. Particulars of the case given; Minn. for FA. in interview explains that the persons arrested are held as prisoners of war and submitted to no harsh treatment. Press reports and comments enc'd. | 12/3 |
| | c 191 | " 2 | Patents. Protection of US. in Japan. Minn. for FA. declares that the benefit of Japanese laws cannot be extended to foreigners so long as Japan is deprived of jurisdiction by which to enforce it; proposition made by Mr Dun to extend such benefit at once if pending Treaty should by special clause be put into immediate operation, hesitates to accept same on a/c of most favored nation clause. Patent laws enc'd | 12/10. |
| | Tel | " 9 | Mediation. "Cable instruction rec'd eighth. Answer delayed by the absence of Japanese Minister for FA. He will return to night, expect answer to morrow." | 11/14 |
| | Tel | " 15 | Same subject. "There will be a meeting of the cabinet to morrow to determine answer relative to your cipher telegram November sixth." | 11/15. |
| | c 192 | " 16 | Same subject. Text of telegrams. | 12/10 |
| | c 193 | " 16 | Arrest of Americans. Wilde and Howie have been released on parole and given 500 yen each. | 12/10 |
| | c 194 | " 16 | Mediation tendered by the US. Reuters action taken on Dep. tel of Nov. 6; quotes answer of Japan when approached by Gt Britain on the question, and expresses the opinion that direct overtures from China only will be entertained. | 12/10. |
| | c Tel (X) | " 17 | Same subject. Of similar import to that sent Minn Denby, Peking — Same subject. Memorandum from Japanese Min. for F.A. Text &c, given. | 12/10. |
| | Tel | " 24 | War. "British Admiral telegraphs Port Arthur taken by storm 21st instant." | 11/24 |
| | c Tel | " 26 | Mediation. China has made overtures. Japan has replied. Japanese request secrecy. | 12/10. |
| | c 195 | " 28 | Real Estate Tenure. Missionary Societies are not recognized as corporations under existing laws and therefore cannot hold definite title, new Code which will contain provisions for religious Societies is expected to go into effect in 1896; suggests non-action until then. Enc's opinions of Japanese jurists, official replies to enquiry, and articles of new Code above referred to. Reply to 69 | 12/10 |
| Willis R. Whitney, Interpreter | " | " 28 | Leave of 60 days to visit US. in March requested. A substitute will be provided for by him | 12/20. |
| Edwin Dun, E&MP. | 196 | " 29 | Same subject. Transmits the above with approval. | 1/10 |
| Confidential | c 197 | " 28 | Peace overtures from China on the basis of independence of Korea and payment of war indemnity are not accepted by Japan who is willing however to receive plenipotentiaries. Secrecy recommended by Japan. Text of tel. | 12/10. |
| | c 198 | " 28 | Mediation. Reply of Japan enc'd. While Japan can only entertain direct overtures from Japan she must be [illegible] of the Legations to look [illegible] the channel of communications. | 12/ |

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| Edwin Dun, E.E.+M.P. | 199 | Nov 29 | Customs courtesies req.d for Japanese Minister to Gt. Britain, Takaaki Kato. | 12/20 |
| | 200 | " " | Text of tels rel. to mediation & peace negotiations. | 12/20. |
| | c201 | Dec 7 | Arrest and detention in Japanese authorities of Chas. Jas. Moore, John Wilde alias John Brown and Wm. L. Owen alias George Lewis on Nov. 5 for ct-Kobe. Enc's statement of Min for For. Affs rel to, + letter from Consul at Kobe + protests. | 12/28 |
| | c202 | " 7 | Mediation between China + Japan. Encls Min. Denby's tel to Chin of Nov 30 + his to Min Denby of Dec 2. rel. to, | 12/28 |
| | 203 | " 7 | War between China + Japan. Reports the unsuccessful visit of Genl Sto, Minister President of State of Japan, of a special Commissioner from Viceroy Li Hung Chang of China. | 12/28 |
| | c204 | " 19 | Kerosene Storage fees charged by Japanese Govt on Enc's letters from + to China and Japan Trading co rel. to a claim advanced by them on account of, and delared by the legation to be ill founded. | 1/11 |
| | c205 | " 20 | Scott's Emulsion. Exemption of, from taxation as licensed medicine. Enc's correspce with Japanese Govt and the Agent of the Co defining the conditions under which it is granted. | 1/11 |
| | c206 | " 20 | Atrocities at Port Arthur reported to the NY Worlds appear to have been greatly exaggerated. Enc's statement of Min for Fa confirmed by Military Attaché of French legation, to the effect that while there was needless blood shed, none but disguised soldiers or fighting civilians were killed. | 1/11 |
| | c207 | " 20 | Peace Negotiations. Text of tels exchanged with Min Denby rel. to appointment of plenipotentiaries | 1/11 |
| | 208 | " 20 | Exposition at Atlanta. Japan will probably not participate. Note Enc's. | 1/11 |
| | c209 | " 28 | Collisions at Sea. Regulations for the prevention of, have already been enacted by Japan in accordance with the recommendations of the Marine Conference, and will be amended as further agreemts may require | 1/18 |
| | c210 | " 28 | Peace negotiations. Tels exchanged with Min Denby rel. to plenipotentiaries and place of meeting and armistice. | 1/18. |
| | c211 | " 28 | Same subject. Prospects of peace favorable, the only danger being from opposition by the military party to any reasonable terms; armistice not likely to be granted on conditions acceptable to China; Japanese plenipotentiaries not yet appointed. | 1/18. |
| | c212 | 1895 Jan. 7 | Same subject. Courtesies to Chinese Plenipotentiaries will be extended so far as consistent with neutrality of legation. Reply to tel. of Jan 6 | 1/29 |
| | c213 | " 7 | Atrocities at Port Arthur. Report of Military attaché agrees with those of other European officers that there was an unnecessary slaughter of Chinese defenceless soldiers but that it only took place on the day of the capture and to some extent justified by the sight of mutilated Japanese bodies | 1/29 |
| | c214 | " 7 | Peace negotiations. Text of tels exchanged with legation at Peking in the matter of Japan's naming Plenipotentiaries before hand, and Chinese plenips arriving in Japan under neutral flag | 1/29 |
| | Tel | " 7 | Same subject. "Confidential. Chinese Plenipotentiaries with full powers to conclude peace will meet Japanese Plenipotentiaries at Hiroshima about the twenty fifth January." | 1/ |
| | c215 | " 7 | Same subject. Confirms above, he is privately informed that Min for Fa. and cabinet officer will be the representatives of Japan | 1/29 |
| | c216 | " 17 | Monument defaced, in Cemetery at Aoyama. Tokio are endeavoring to find the guilty parties. Denies that he said that no redress could be had as stated in Mr Bellamy's letter in Dec. 188 | 2/7 |
| | Tel | " 17 | War. "Lieut. Deacon wishes follow Japanese Army Jap.se Govt consents if our Govt approves. Cable answer at Deacon's expense." | 2/7 |
| | c217 | " 17 | Same subject. Confirms above. | 2/7 |
| | 218 | " 17 | Same subject. Third army, 15000 strong, embarked at Hiroshima for Wei Hai Wei. | 2/7 |
| | c219 | " 17 | Peace negotiations. Unofficial character of Hon. John W. Foster's connection with, has been made known to Japanese Govt. Min for Fa. had previously expressed gratification at this connection | 2/7 |
| | c220 | " 17 | Same subject. No authoritative information as to the, to report. | 2/7 |
| | c221 | " 17 | Land. Annulment of leases held by Rev. W. Lobb, appears to be an act of injustice, and to have been done without due course of justice. Consul at Nagasaki has been instructed by legation to withdraw letters granting voidance of leases, and the Governor, to suspend action, by Min for Fa. pending further investigation. Encls Consul's report and correspondence of legation with Consul and Min for Fa | 2/7 |
| | 222 | " 17 | Text of tels of Jan 17 to, and Jan 15 from Okp. | 2/7 |
| | Tel | Feb 2 | Peace Plenipotentiaries met Hiroshima yesterday Japanese plenips Count "to, Viscount Mutsu." | 2/12 |
| | c Tel | " 3 | "Peace negotiations have been broken off. Chinese plenipotentiaries' credentials insufficient, they will leave for China to-day." | 2/13 |
| | c223 | " 11 | Same subject. Encls copy of credentials and comments of the "Japan Daily Mail" on the extraordinary action of China in the matter. | 2/ |
| Confidential | c224 | " 5 | Same subject. Effort of Japan to assassinate [illegible] | [illegible] |

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| Japan | | | | |
| Edwin Dun, Ex. & M.P. | 225 | Feb. 5 | Text of tels exchanged with Dep. and US legation at Peking. | 3/1 |
| | c 226 | " 6 | War. Prosecution of the war favored by Japanese Diet. Unites Resolution promising appropriation | 3/1 |
| | c Tel | " 13 | Same subject. Surrender of forts, ships and arms at Wei Hai Wei has been offered by Chinese Admiral on condition that lives of Chinese soldiers will be spared and is being arranged. | 2/13 |
| | c 227 | " 15 | Peace Negotiations. Rupture of, on a/c of defective Chinese credentials. Comments rel to, encl | 3/7 |
| | 228 | " 15 | Same subject. China's request to allow Plenipotentiaries to remain and offer to perfect credentials declined by Japan. Enc's telegrams exchanged with legation at Peking. | 3/7 |
| Con | 229 | " 15 | Same subject. Chinese Plenipotentiaries were merely accredited to the Emperor of Japan, as to a friendly power, and were not empowered to negotiate. They sailed on Feb. 12 with Hon. John W. Foster, for China | 3/7 |
| | c 230 | " 15 | War operations at Wei Hai Wei. Telegraphic report of Lieut O'Brien encl'd for transmission to War Dep. | 3/7 |
| | 231 | " 15 | Naval Attaché. Arrival of Comr. Francis M. Barber reported. | 3/7 |
| | c 232 | " 15 | War. Surrender of Wei Hai Wei has not yet been officially confirmed, altho' announced as having taken place on Feb 13 | 3/7 |
| | c 233 | " 15 | Precedence of officers of the legation, Secretaries and Military or Naval attachés. Ruling by the Dep desired. | 3/7 |
| Willis R. Whitney | * | " 15 | Leave of 60 days to visit US. Asks whether it may not be spent in England, he having arranged for a substitute. | 3/7 |
| Edwin Dun, Ex. & M.P. | c 234 | " 27 | Capture of Wei Hai Wei. Telegraphic report of the, by Lieut O'Brien encl'd | 3/21 |
| | c 235 | " 27 | Same subject. Terms of surrender as set forth in correspondence with Jap. and Chinese Admirals encl'd | 3/21 |
| | c 236 | " 27 | Loan to Korea by Japan of 3000000 yen. Bill authorizing, has passed House of Representatives. Enc's speech of Japanese Prime Minister on the question. | 3/21 |
| | c 237 | " 28 | Peace Negotiations. Failure of, at Hiroshima. Enc's editorial of Japan Daily Mail presenting defence of Jap. Plenipotentiaries in the matter of a communication to them by the Chinese Plenipotentiaries after rupture of negotiations and alleged to have been suppressed in the official correspondence | 3/21 |
| | 238 | " 28 | Financial. Budget of Japan for 1895 transmitted. | 3/21 |
| | c 239 | " 28 | Peace Negotiations. Appointment of Li Hung Chang and terms imposed by Japan for a reopening of. Encloses telegrams exchanged with US legation at Peking, in regard to | 3/21 |
| | c 240 | " 28 | Same subject. Discusses the above and notes slight exceptions taken to China's proposal. | 3/21 |
| | 241 | " 28 | Military Information. Hospital corps. Equipment transmitted as requested in No 157 | 3/21 |
| | Tel. | Mar 4 | Peace Negotiations. "Peace Plenips meet Shimonoseki about Mar 20th. Li Hung Chang Chinese Plenip. The independence Korea, war indemnity and cession of territory demanded by Japan and tacitly accepted by China as the basis for negotiation. Prospects of an early arrangement very good." | 3/4 |
| | c 242 | " | Same subject. Text of the above and of tels exchanged with leg. at Peking in regard to credentials and flag to be displayed on vessel that is to bring Chinese Plenipotentiary to Japan. | 3/19 |
| | c 243 | " 8 | Land. Annulment of leases held by Geo. W. Lake was by default of payment of rent within limits prescribed by law and the lots have been re-leased or returned to original owner. Under these circumstances Jap. Govt declines to intervene. Note from Min. for Fa. encl'd and instructions requested. | 3/19 |
| | Tel | " 9 | War. "Japanese captured Newchwang sixth. Foreigners all safe." | 3/9 |
| | c 244 | " 15 | Confirms above. | 3/8 |
| | c 245 | " 15 | Peace Negotiations. Telegrams exchanged with legation at Peking rel. to the Peace Mission of Li Hung Chang, his suite, the steamer on which he is to go to Japan. | 3/8 |
| | 246 | " 15 | Ministry of War. Field Marshal Count Yamagata appointed, on March | 3/8 |
| | c 247 | " 16 | War. Expedition against Formosa is said to have sailed from Japan on Mar 10. | 3/8 |
| | Tel | " 20 | Secretary of legation. "Herod qualified to day." | 3/20 |
| | Tel | " 25 | Attempt on Li Hung Chang's life. "Yesterday Li Hung Chang was shot and seriously wounded in face by Japanese fanatic at Shimonoseki. Negotiations must be suspended." | 3/25 |
| | c 248 | " 28 | Same subject. Confirms above. | 4/18 |
| | c Tel | " 28 | Same subject. "Li Hung Chang's speedy recovery anticipated. Early resumption of negotiations probable." | 3/28 |
| | 249 | " 28 | Secretary of legation. Enc's Mr Herod's "Oath of office"; repeats tels exchanged. | 4/18 |
| Joseph R. Herod, Sec'y | * | " 28 | Same subject. Expresses gratitude for his appointment. | 4/18 |
| Edwin Dun, Ex. & M.P. | c 250 | " 28 | Attempt on Li Hung Chang's life. Gives particulars of the; general indignation in Japan at the crime. Peace negotiations will probably be resumed after a few days; they were heretofore directed to armistice | 4/18 |
| | c 251 | " 29 | Armistice granted by Japanese Emperor in consequence of attempt on Li. Confidential note encl'd | 4/18 |
| | c Tel | " 30 | Same subject. "Pending Li Hung Chang's recovery, an unconditional armistice is granted by Japan to China." | 3/30 |
| | c Tel | " 31 | Same subject. Armistice extends to provinces of Moken, Chokiwei and Santo only. Does not include Formosa. Ends April 20th." | 3/31 |

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| Japan | | | | |
| Edwin Dun, E.E. & M.P. | Tel. | April 11 | Peace Negotiations. Resumption of. Demands of Japan recited. | 11/4. |
| | C 252 | " 12 | Same subject. Text of tels sent to Dep. and exchanged with U.S. legation at Peking. | 5/13. |
| | " 253 | " 16 | Armistice. Terms of the, as published by the Japan Daily Mail, encl. | 5/13 |
| | C 254 | " 16 | Peace Negotiations. Li Ching Fong, son of Li Hung Chang, appointed Peace Plenipotentiary to assist his father. Refers to tels in No 252. | 5/13. |
| | 255 | " 16 | Cholera Regulations for the inspection of vessels encl. | 5/13. |
| | Tel. | " 16 | Peace Negotiations. "It is reported on good authority that treaty of peace was concluded this afternoon." | 4/16 |
| | Tel | " 17 | Same subject. "I am informed by Jap. Min. for F.A. that a preliminary treaty of peace was signed this morning. Indemnity two hundred million taels. All other conditions are the same as in my tel. of 15th Apl. | 4/17 |
| | C 256 | " 16 | Same subject. Conditions of peace as practically determined on by Japan. Original terms were slightly modified as to extent of territory to be ceded and amount of indemnity, particulars of concessions to foreign trade and manufactures given; map showing original and modified demands encl. | 5/13 |
| | 257 | " 18 | Same subject. Text of Leg. tels of April 16 & 17. | 5/13 |
| | C 258 | " 18 | Same subject. Comments upon the conclusion of peace, terms of the treaty will not be published until it is ratified. | 5/13. |
| Willis R. Whitney, Asst. Edwin Dun E.E. & M.P. | | " 13 | Leave Extension of 60 days without pay requested, asks that salary during that time may be paid to his substitute, as was done on previous instances. | 4/29 |
| | 259 | " 24 | Coinage. Report has been sent to Director of the Mint. | 5/8. |
| | C Tel. | " 24 | Interference of European powers. "Confidential. French, German and Russian Govts informed Jap. Govt yesterday through their representatives here that the definitive possession of Liaotung peninsula by Japan would menace Peking and render the independence of Korea illusory and constantly disturb the peace of the East. Therefore they advise Jap Govt to renounce definitive possession of Peninsula." | 4th /est |
| | C 260 | " 25 | Indiscretion charged against Min. Dun by the "Eastern World" is branded as a malicious falsehood; visit to Navy Dep. was for the purpose of presenting Naval Attaché Barber. Ref. to 187 | 5/8. |
| | C 261 | " 26 | Peace Treaty. Enc's tel sent to Leg. at Peking announcing ratification by Japan of the | 5/8 |
| | 262 | " 26 | Same subject. Enc's Imperial Rescript on the, and congratulations of the Emperor to the Plenipotentiaries. | 5/8 |
| | C 263 | " 26 | Interference by European powers. Confirms tel. of April 24 the substance of which was confidentially given to the legation by Jap. For Office. No reply has yet been made, and efforts of Jap. Govt are now directed to suppress discussion of the subject by the Jap. Press. | 5/8. |
| | C Tel. | May 2 | Same subject. "Yesterday Japanese Govt replied to representations of European powers to the effect that if the honor of Japan is satisfied by the exchange of the ratifications of the Treaty, Japan will immediately afterwards renounce definitive possession of all the Liaotung peninsula with the exception of Port Arthur and Talien wan province, provided the indemnity is increased to compensate Japan for territory relinquished." | 5/2 |
| | Tel | " 6 | Same subject. "All the demands of European powers relative to possession of Liaotung peninsula acceded to by Japan." | 5/6 |
| Joseph R. Herod, Secy Edwin Dun, E.E. & M.P. | | " 6 | Commission asked. | 6/3 |
| | C 264 | " 9 | Interference by European Powers. Confirms tels of May 2 and 6. Yielding by Jap. Govt is looked upon as humiliating by the military and political classes, but finds favor with the business and common people. Changes in the cabinet are likely. | 6/3 |
| | Tel | " 9 | Peace. "Exchange of the ratifications of the treaty of Peace between Japan and China took place to day at Chefoo." | 6/9 |
| | C 265 | " 9 | Same subject. Confirms above; news well received by business and common people who had grown tired of the war and were fearful of complications with European powers. | 6/3 |
| | 266 | " 9 | Protection of foreign representatives. Extraordinary precautions taken by Jap. Govt for the. | 6/3 |
| | C 267 | " 9 | Peace and interference of European Powers. Text of tels exchanged with legation at Peking and Dep. | 6/3 |
| | 268 | " 9 | Missing Instruction. No 186 has not been received. | 6/3 |
| | C 269 | " 13 | Cession of Formosa. Japan has appointed Commissioner to take formal possession of ceded territory and requests China to make similar appointment. Tel. to Min. Denby to that effect encl. | 6/7 |
| | 270 | " 18 | Interference by European powers. True history of the yielding of Japan will be sought of Min. for F.A. after his recovery from illness. | 6/7 |
| | 271 | " 18 | Rescript of the Emperor to the Army and Navy praising their achievements, encl. | 6/7 |
| | C 272 | " 18 | Peace. Text of Treaty, portocol giving preference to English translation in case of difference of interpretation, instrument of ratification and convention relating to Japanese subjects in China, encl. | 6/7 |

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| Edwin Dun, Et & M.P. | c 273 | May 18 | Russia's attitude toward China & Japan. Comments upon views expressed in despatch from Russia no 8 of 2d. 1895 | 6/7 |
| | Tel | " 26 | Bering Sea Award. "No copy of sealing regulations for 1895 yet received at this legation or at Consulates in Japan." | 6/26. |
| | 274 | " 27 | Text of tels exchanged with legation at Peking rel. to cession of Formosa and resumption of diplomatic relations, and with Dep. rel. to Bering sea regulations. | 6/27. |
| | 275 | " 27 | Newspapers for legation. Continuance of, requested. | 6/27 |
| Joseph R. Herod, Sec'y Edwin Dun, E.E.&M.P. | — | " 27 | Leave of 60 days to visit the U.S. requested. | 6/27 |
| | 276 | " 27 | Same subject. Approves Herod's application for leave. | 6/— |
| | c 277 | " 28 | Diplomatic relations between China and Japan. China requests that cession of Formosa and treaty of Commerce be concluded before appointing respective Ministers. Text of Mr. Derby's tel. | 6/27 |
| | 278 | " 28 | Bering Sea Award. Regulations for 1895 have not been received. Proclamation of 1894 is the only one received. | 6/27 |
| | 279 | " 28 | Second Secretary of Legation. Requests that the vacancy be filled. | 6/27 |
| | c 280 | June 5 | Interference by European Powers in the peace between China and Japan. Encs comments of the "Japan Mail" on the action of Germany and the "friendly warning" previously given by her to Japan; as to Russia's action gives confidentially circumstances and motives of her double dealing with Japan. | 7/1 |
| | 281 | " 6 | Emperor of Japan returned to Tokyo May 30 and was accorded enthusiastic welcome by the people. | 7/1 |
| | 282 | " 6 | Peace Negotiations. Documents bearing on, as printed in the Japan Daily Mail encl. | 7/1 |
| | 283 | " 6 | Minister for Foreign Affairs Marquis Saionji appointed Actng, pending Viscount Mutsu's recovery | 7/1 |
| | 284 | " 6 | Minister of Japan to China. Mr Hayashi Tadasu left for his post as, on June 5. | 7/1 |
| | 285 | " 6 | Death of Secretary Gresham. Note of sympathy from Min for Ed. encl; personal condolence expressed | 7/1 |
| | 286 | " 6 | Missing instruction 186 has been received from legation at Peking. | 7/1 |
| | c 287 | " 6 | China and Japan, restoration of diplomatic relations between. Text of tels to Peking rel. to death of Secretary Gresham. } . . . from & to Dep. | 7/1 |
| | 288 | " 13 | Publication. "Trade Returns of Japan for 1894" transmitted. | 7/11 |
| | c 289 | " 15 | Kerosene. Duties charged on tins and cases is in accordance with Japanese tariff which includes pretium in dutiable value of imports subject to ad valorem duty. Addnes facts and statistics which seem to show that claim of the China and Japan Trading Co. lacks reasonable foundation, and further action on Ins 201 will be suspended until receipt of new instructions. | 7/11 |
| | c 290 | " 18 | Land. Annulment of leases held by Geo. W. Lake. Enc's note to Foreign office in compliance with Ins 202 | 7/11 |
| | 291 | " 20 | Interpreter's leave of absence. No objection to Mr Whitney being allowed until Nov. 27 to return to post | 7/8. |
| Willis N. Whitney Int | — | " 26 | Resignation to take effect at the convenience of Govt Min. and to remain in abeyance until Mr Dun is heard from, tendered. Extension of 60 days from June 27 without pay requested. | 7/8 |
| Edwin Dun E.E.+M.P. | 292 | July 5 | Audience by the Emperor + Empress to Chas. Denby jr. Secy of Tel. Leg^n at Pekin reported. | 7/31 |
| | 293 | " 6 | Audience by the Emperor to Mr Dun and staff on June 27 reported. Mr Dun's speech given. | 7/31 |
| | c 294 | " 6 | Confiscation of property of Geo. W. Lake at Nagasaki. Notified that it was advertised by Japanese authorities for sale. Encs copy of his protest to Japanese Govt. | 7/31 |
| | c 295 | " 6 | Same subject. Encs copy of note, in reply to his, from Min of For Affrs. Awaits instructions. Refers to his #290 & #294 | 7/31 |
| | 296 | " 6 | Missing despatch from Dept. #210, reported. With this exception all received to #223 inclusive. | 7/31 |
| | 296 | | Number belonging to the above despatch. | |
| | 297 | " 18 | Secretary of State. Appointment of Richard Olney as, Encs receipt of Circular announcing, | 8/7 |
| | c 298 | " 18 | Residence of Minister during summer months. Reports that he will be at Hakone, 7 hours ride from Tokyo. | 8/7 |
| | Tel | " 19 | Second Secretary of Legation. "Has Stephen Bonsal been commissioned Second Secretary of Legation?" | |
| | c 299 | " 23 | China + Japan. Reports that Russia, Germany + France jointly make following inquiries of Japanese Govt: 1. When will Japan evacuate the Liaotung Peninsula? 2. What indemnity will be demanded from China in completion thereof? 3. Will Japan guarantee free navigation of Formosa Channel? Answer of Japan of July 19 given. | 8/23 |
| | 300-301 | " 26 | Second Secretary of Legation. Reports arrival of Stephen Bonsal on July 5 — Had no official notification until Mail's tel. of 19th inst. | 8/23 |
| | 302 | " 27 | Text of telegrams exchanged on July 19- | 8/23 |
| | 303 | " 31 | Interpreter of Legation. Resignation of Dr Willis Norton Whitney as, transmitted. | 8/21 |
| | 304 | " 31 | Same subject. Recommends appointment of Rumford Stevens Miller jr to fill vacancy. | 8/21 |
| Stephen Bonsal, Second Secy | — | " 20 | Arrived at Post on July 5 reported. Left Baltimore June 6. | 8/23 |
| | — | " 20 | Salary a/c while Secy of Leg^n at Madrid. Asks that he be allowed salary from Oct 20 to 26 1893. | 8/23 |
| Edwin Dun E.E.&M.P. | c 305 | Aug 9 | Books presented to the U.S. Fish Commission by Mr Matsumura Rikichi, transmitted | 9/6. |
| | c 306 | " 12 | Cost of telegrams sent on account of Japanese Govt during war with China has been refunded by Japan, who requests statement of tels thus sent by legation and Consuls in China. Enc's note, statement of telegrams, and draft for Yen 92.60 equal to amount received from Japan | 9/6 |

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| Japan | | | | |
| Willis R. Whitney, Interp. | — | Aug 14 | Leave. Extension of, pending acceptance of his resignation, requested. | 9/23. |
| Edwin Dun, E.E. & M.P. | (307 | " 26 | Trouble at Manila. Consul Elliott telegraphed legation to send cruiser, and on being asked for particulars replied that question would probably be satisfactorily settled by Gov. Gen. of Philippines. | 9/25. |
| | 308 | " 25 | Decorations and titles awarded to civil & military officers of Japan for services in the war | 9/25. |
| Stephen Bonsal, 2nd Secy | — | " 27 | Leave of two weeks to visit Seoul, requested. | 9/25. |
| Edwin Dun, E.E. & M.P. | 309 | " 27 | Legation. List of officers of the, encd. | 9/26. |
| | — | Sept 3 | Ceremonial letter not yet answered by the President. Reports mention of, heard by him. | 9/26. |
| | 310 | " 12 | Text of Sep. tel. of Sept 5. | 10/8. |
| | 311 | " 12 | Interpreter. Oath of office of Ransford S. Miller as, encd. | 10/8. |
| | 312 | " 16 | Interpreter's Salary. U.S. Financial Agents at London inform legation they are without instructions to pay drafts for which were drawn during Mr. Whitney's absence. Asks for instructions. | 10/8. |
| | (313 | " 24 | Evacuation by Japan of the Liaotung Peninsular. Russia France and Germany have notified Japan that it should take place immediately upon payment of 50 million taels, instead of 50 million asked by Jap. Japan will probably yield and one of the numerous sources of danger of war in the East thus averted | 10/21 |
| | 314 | " 26 | Good offices of U.S. Consular officers during the war. Letter of thanks from Actg Min. for F.A. encd | 10/21. |
| Stephen Bonsal, 2nd Secy | Tel | " 26 | Riot in Szechuan, China. Volunteer Barber's place Chengtu Commission. | 9/26. |
| Joseph R. Herod, 1st Secy | — | Oct 1 | Leave. Will depart for the U.S. on, Oct 2. | 11/8 |
| Edwin Dun, E.E. & M.P. | Tel | " 9 | Murder of Korean Queen and attack on the Palace. Telegram from Charge Allen announcing the and charging the same to the King's father assisted by the Japanese. | 10/9 |
| | (315 | " 9 | Same subject. Confirms above, Jap. Govt say that the King's Father probably instigated the uprising of two Korean regiments which committed the outrage and that Jap. troops occupied the palace at the request of the King for his protection; they admit that some Japanese "Soshis" were concerned in the outrage | 11/8. |
| | (Tel | " 12 | Same subject. Tel. from Charge Allen stating measures taken by several legations for their protection disposition of the Queen whose murder has not yet been announced, and connivance of Japanese officials, transmitted. | 10/12 |
| | (Tel. | " 14 | Same subject. Tel. from Charge Allen giving further particulars, evidence of complicity of Japanese Govt. and asking whether Govt. as now constituted is to be recognized. | 10/16 |
| | Tel | " 12 | Same subject. Japanese Govt. assert that they had nothing to do with the late revolution. They have sent a special commission to investigate and will furnish a report | 10/12 |
| | (316 | " 17 | Same subject. Text of above Telegrams. | 11/8. |
| | 317 | " 17 | Same subject. Interview with Acting Min. for F.A. reported as condensed in tel. of Oct 12 | 11/8. |
| Stephen Bonsal, 2nd Secy | — | " 18 | Leave. Will sail for Korea Oct 21, on tel, granted by tel. Recommendation not to write for the press will be complied with as it has been since he entered the service. | 11/8. |
| Edwin Dun, E.E. & M.P. | (319 | " 19 | Attack on Korean Palace. Account of the, as related to Japanese Govt. Complicity of Japanese legation to Korea apparent and Count Otori and three other members have been recalled. Komura Jutaro appointed in his stead. | 11/15. |
| | (318 | " 17 | Same subject. Situation in Korea, according to Count Inouye; can only be solved by the Great Powers agreeing to guarantee the independence of the kingdom, and perhaps establishing a protectorate which Japan can no longer assume by herself | 11/13 |
| | 320 | " 24 | Same subject. Transcripts #156, 157 and 158 from Korea, on the | 11/15. |
| | (321 | " 24 | Same subject. Count Inouye has been sent on a special mission to Korea to express sympathy and endeavor to establish better relations | 11/15. |
| | 322 | " 26 | 10th to 25th, 28th to Sept 5 and encl to July 29 asked | 1/20. |
| | (323 | " 26 | Duties on American goods from Formosa have been refunded to Walsh Hall & Co. Ref to 258 | 11/20. |
| | (324 | Nov. 4 | Attack on Korean palace. Late Jap. Min. at Seoul and some fifty other Jap. officers have been arrested on arrival at Hiroshima for participation in | 11/29 |
| | 325 | " 5 | Death of Prince Kitashirakawa, Jap. Commander in Chief in Formosa, reported | 11/29 |
| | (326 | " 15 | Attack on Korean Palace. Japan unwilling to move her troops for the protection of the King on the ground that trouble might follow and that it would be at variance with declaration of Japan of non-interference Min. Dill has been informed by cable Gen's tel of 14th and précis of conversation with Premier Ito and Min. for F.A. | 12/5. |
| Stephen Bonsal, 2nd Secy | — | " 15 | Return to post on Nov 10 reported. He had left Oct 22. Overstay due to lack of steamer communication | 12/5. |
| | — | " 16 | Cost of tel. granting leave of absence. Draft for £62/ to cover encl, regrets that the tel. should have contained warning against writing for newspapers, not so much on ac of expense as of misplaced mistrust | 12/5. |
| Edwin Dun, E.E. & M.P. | (327 | " 20 | Legation Premises and movable property. Purchase of. Urges that Govt. avail itself of the chance in the lease which expires May next and buy the same for 2000 yen, paying perpetually ground rent at the rate of 100 yen for [illegible] Govt. has not yet replied to Min's suggestion | 12/19 |

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| Japan | | | | |
| Edwin Dun, E. & M.P. | C328 | Nov. 23 | Contrasts by Japanese Govt. chances of U.S. manufacturers in the Replies to 263, explains that alleged discrimination against American water pipes did not exist; discusses the pros and cons in the matter of participation by U.S. in contracts for war ships and other enterprises | 12/9. |
| | 329 | Dec 10 | Custom House and Storage facilities at Yoko. Enlargement of, has been requested at the instance of merchants there, of the Jap. Min for Fa. who will apply for the necessary appropriation | 1/9. |
| | C330 | " 14 | Searching on the high seas of "Bri. Sh. Whales" by Japanese war ships for the leader of rebellion in Formosa. Relates circumstances of the incident which has been settled by exchange of notes in which Japan expresses regret and offers compensation. Salute to the flag was not insisted on by U.S. | 1/9 |
| | 331 | " 16 | Leave of 60 days to next U.S. in April requested | 1/9. |
| | 332 | " 17 | Banking System. Report will be forwarded to Comptroller of the Currency after translation | 1/9 |
| | 332B | " 26 | Missing despatch 318. Duplicate Enc'd. | 1/17 |
| | 333 | " 26 | Banking System. Encs report addressed to Comptroller of the Currency | 1/17 |
| Joseph R. Hixon, Sec'y | | " 26 | Leave of 60 days from Jan. 1 requested. | 1/17 |
| Edwin Dun, E. & M.P. | 334 | " 30 | Political Speech of the Emperor at the opening of the diet encl. | 1/17 |

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| FROM | NO. | DATE. 1896 | SUBJECT. | DATE OF RECEIPT. |
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| Japan | | | | |
| Edwin Dun, E&MP. | 335 | Jan 2 | Financial. Estimates for the year 1896 encl'd. It is proposed to cover probable deficit by a revenue bill to be shortly submitted to the diet. | 2/27 |
| Stephen Bonsal, 2nd Sec'y | — | " 2 | Transfer to a South or Central American legation requested; his knowledge of Spanish the reason | 2/27 |
| Edwin Dun, E&MP. | 336 | " 2 | Same subject. Legation would miss the valuable services of Mr Bonsal if transfer were made | 2/27 |
| | 337 | " 3 | Navy of Japan. Enlargement of the, as contemplated in pending bill, reported. | 2/27 |
| | 338 | " 4 | Evacuation of Liao Tung Peninsula by the Japanese was completed on Dec 25 without incident | 2/27 |
| | 339 | " 14 | Text of Dep tel. of Jan 4. | 2/5. |
| | c 340 | " 21 | Murder of Korean Queen. Acquittal of military officers charged with complicity in the. Enc's sentence of the court and editorial of the Japan Daily Mail. | 2/13. |
| | c 341 | " 22 | War vessels to be built by Japan. Nothing has yet been determined on by Jap Govt. Enc's letter to that effect addressed to Newport News Ship building Co. according to Ins. 272. | 2/13. |
| | c 342 | " 23 | Decorations tendered by Jap. Govt for services rendered during the war. Expresses his entire concurrence in the Dep's decision not to ask Congress for the required authority and wishes that Jap. Min. at Washington be informed of the high appreciation by Ed Govt of the intended honor | 2/13. |
| | 343 | " 24 | 260 to 276 and Encs of Oct 15, 17 and Dec 17 acd'g | 2/13. |
| | 344 | " 25 | Military equipment of the Medical department. Specimens have been bought and shipped, and account rendered as instructed in No 208. | 2/24. |
| | c 345 | Feb 11 | Murder of Queen of Korea. Viscount Miura and other Japanese officers charged with the, have been acquitted by the preliminary court at Hiroshima. Findings of the court establishes the fact that they instigated the coup d'état but declare that there is no evidence that they committed the crime. Enc's proceedings and editorial comment as printed in the "Japan Daily Mail." | 2/28. |
| | c 346 | " 10 | Cable between Ed and Japan. "279 acd. Japanese Govt has already evinced a lively interest in the | 3/4. |
| Stephen Bonsal 2nd Sec'y | — | " 11 | Leave of 60 days to visit Formosa in April, requested. | 3/11. |
| Edwin Dun, E&MP. | 347 | " 16 | Minister for F.A. Sudden return of Count Matsu to Tokyo probably caused by events in Korea | 3/11. |
| | c 348 | " 17 | Korea. Coup d'Etat in, by which the Tai Won Kun party was overthrown, and the supposed part of Russia therein, causes serious commotion in Japan and the Diet was suspended before it could discuss a resolution condemning the Japanese Govt's policy. Enc's account of events in Korea and comments of the Japan Daily Mail on the political situation | 3/11 |
| | c 349 | " 26 | Formosa. Ports open to foreign trade. Enc's printed slip of regulations. | 3/25. |
| | 350 | Mar 1 | Coronation of the Czar. Special mission sent to attend the. Names and standing of the members given | 3/25. |
| | c 351 | " 2 | Korea. Coup d'Etat in. Resolution of censure, on account of which Diet was suspended for ten days, as reported in No 348, came to a vote on Feb 25 and defeated by 64 majority. | 3/25. |
| Joseph R. Herod, Sec'y | — | " 2 | Departure for post. Left his home at Indianapolis on Feb. 29. | 3/5. |
| Edwin Dun, E&MP. | c 352 | " 3 | Russia and Japan in Korea. Confidentially reports his belief that a serious effort will be made by both Governments to bring about an entente as to restoration of order | 3/26. |
| | 353 | " 14 | Coinage. Application has been made for information requested in Circ. of Feb. 4. | 4/3. |
| | c 354 | " 14 | Legation. Purchase of premises. Enc's note to Jap. Govt informing it that the clauses in the lease providing for the, will be availed of | 4/3. |
| | 355 | " 14 | Same subject. Text of tel. from the Dep. | 4/3. |
| | c 356 | " 14 | Patents and Trade Marks Regulations in Japan. Two copies encl'd | 4/3. |
| | 357 | " 21 | Second Secretary of legation. Enc's Mr Bonsal's oath of office. | 4/14. |
| | c 358 | " 23 | Cable between Japan and the US. No agent as mentioned in inclosures to Ins. 290 has yet made an appearance and none will be received with more favor than prescribed by the Dep instructions. | 4/14. |
| | 359 | " 30 | Political. Adjournment of the Diet on March 29 reported | 4/25. |
| Joseph R Herod, Sec'y | — | " 30 | Return to post on Mar 28 reported. | 4/25. |
| Edwin Dun, E&MP. | 360 | April 9 | Publication "Trade Returns" for 1895 encl'd and discussed. | 4/30. |
| | 361 | " 9 | Plague at Hongkong. Quarantine and inspection regulations published by the legation at the request of Min for FA. Encs note and notice in the newspapers. | 4/30 |
| | 362 | " 8 | Departure on leave. Proposes to sail for the US on April 26 from Yokohama. | 4/30 |
| | 363 | " 9 | Text of Dep. tel. of April 7. | 4/30 |
| Stephen Bonsal 2nd Sec'y | — | " 6 | Resignation to take effect June 5 or at the President's pleasure, tendered. | 5/5. |
| Edwin Dun, E&MP. | c Tel. | " 13 | Legation. Purchase of premises. Difficulty arising out of language of the act and amount appropriated. The former does not authorize in words lease of land in perpetuity; and at present rate of exchange 15 years would not cost 100 Yen. Requests instructions | 5/ |

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| FROM Japan | NO. | DATE. 1896 | SUBJECT. | DATE OF RECEIPT. |
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| R. S. Miller, Interpreter | ~ | April 18 | Leave of 60 days to visit the U.S. requested. Services of E. W. Clement as substitute have been secured | 5/7 |
| Edwin Dun, E. & M.P. | No 364 | " 15 | Legation. Purchase of premises. Difficulties arising from the language of the Act of Congress authorizing the, and law of Japan in regard to disposal of Govt property set forth. Enc's lease in perpetuity suggested as the best means of solving the difficulty and requests tel. instructions | 5/7 |
| | No 365 | " 16 | Same subject. Dep. tel. of May 14 has removed difficulties above referred to, and he will conclude arrangement after consulting with Con Gen. Dun who will return in a day or two. | 5/7 |
| | Tel | " 20 | Nagasaki. Vice Consul at. Suspension of action in regard to, requested by Consul General | 4/20. |
| Stephen Bonsal, 2nd Sec'y | ~ | " 24 | Leave will not be availed of, in consequence of his resignation. Reply to March 12. | 5/18. |
| Joseph R. Herod Ch. ad int. | Tel | " 27 | Minister of Japan to the U.S. "Hoshi, formerly Pres't of Lower House, Japanese Diet, has been appointed legation to the U.S." | 4/29 |
| | 366 | May 1 | Departure of Mr. Dun on April 26 and assumption of duties as Chargé announced. | 5/25. |
| | 367 | " 1 | Coinage Report has been mailed to Director of the Mint. | 5/25. |
| | No 368 | " 1 | Legation. Purchase of premises. Enc's notes exchanged, bill of sale, inventory, lease, vouchers & account | 5/25. |
| | 369 | " 2 | Formosa. Government of. Laws and ordinances rel. to Enc'd. | 5/25. |
| | 370 | " 11 | Minister of Japan to the U.S. Appointment of Hoshi Toru as, is a reward for his political services and carries no reflection on Mr. Kurino who is transferred to Rome. Enc's biographical sketch and refers to Desp. 47. | 5/25. |
| | 371 | " 11 | Text of tel sent to Dep. April 20. | 5/25. |
| | 372 | " 11 | Oath of Office on Confirmation enclosed. | 5/25. |
| | 373 | " 5 | Political. Appointment of Count Nagasaki as Min. for Home affairs is taken as the first instance of party government and the token of victory for the Liberal party. Discusses the struggle that has been going on between the Government and the opposition in the Diet. | 5/25. |
| | 374 | " 13 | Minister of Japan to the U.S. will sail for San Francisco on May 23. | 6/3 |
| | 375 | " 18 | Statistical publications has been forwarded. Reply to 304. | 6/10 |
| | 376 | " 20 | Legation. Purchase. Duplicate Account Enc's. | 6/10. |
| | Tel | " 11 | Same subject. Purchase concluded April 24. | |
| | No 377 | " 20 | Same subject. Text of tels from and to Dep. | 6/20 |
| | No 378 | " 21 | Same subject. Lease, bill of sale, and inventory Enc'd. Asks permission for certain repairs, employment of another janitor at $6 per mo, and whether premises are to be insured against fire | 6/10. |
| Stephen Bonsal, 2nd Sec'y | ~ | June 6 | Resignation. Services terminated this day. | 7/3 |
| Joseph R Herod, Ch. ad int. | 379 | " 8 | Political. Resignation of Min. for F.A. Count Mutsu on a/c of weak health. Marquis Saionji has been appointed but will retire in six months in favor of Count Mutsu if he recovers his health or of some other statesman of prominence | 7/3. |
| | 380 | " 8 | "277 to 315, tels and enc's acknd. | 7/3. |
| | 381 | " 8 | Charts for the Hydrographic Office forwarded. | 7/3. |
| | 382 | " 13 | Newspapers for legation. Requests continuance of. | 7/11 |
| | No Tel | " 18 | Bering Sea. Investigation of seal life. "Jap Govt request that party Japanese scientists be allowed to join Albatross party to investigate fur seals on Kurriles. Request probable date Albatross' arrival there." | 6/8 |
| | Tel | " 19 | Same subject. "Jap Govt consents Albatross visiting Kurile islands." | 6/19 |
| | No Tel | " 21 | Tidal Wave. "Deaths caused by tidal wave estimated over thirty thousand in reports to date. No mortalities among Americans." | 6/21 |
| | 383 | " 23 | Mission. Distinction. Returns "968 to Turkey." | 7/18. |
| | No 384 | " 23 | Leprosy. Treatment of. Serum requested in No 299 cannot be had. Prof Kitasato's discovery still being in its experimental stage. Note Enc'd. | 7/18 |
| | No 385 | " 24 | Bering Sea. Investigation of Seal life. Enc's note granting permission and making request in tel of 18. | 7/18. |
| | 386 | " 25 | Text of tels from & to Dep. of June 9, 13 and 18. | 7/18. |
| | No 387 | " 25 | Tidal Wave Disaster. Account of the. | 7/18. |
| | 388 | July 2 | Mis-numbered despatches. Corrections have been made as directed in No. 318 | 7/25. |
| | No 389 | " 2 | Eclipse of June 6. Facilities and courtesies extended to expeditions referred to in Dis. 295. | 7/25. |
| | 390 | " 3 | Visit of Minister Denby to Japan. Account of the. | 7/25. |
| | 392 | " 3 | Legation. Repairs on premises have been completed. Enc's note of thanks to Japanese Govt | 7/25. |
| | No 391 | " 3 | Fur Seal hunting. Laws regulating, in Japan Enc'd, as requested in "315 | 7/29 |
| | 393 | " 3 | Text of tel. sent June 21 | 7/25. |
| | 394 | " 3 | Residence at Yamaganawa, 90 miles from Tokyo, during July & August. Leaves Aug 1st of his intended | 7/25. |

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| Joseph R Herod, Chargé | 395.396 | July 21 | "323 = 324 acknd. | 8/7 |
| | 397 | " 21 | Second Secretary of Legation. Ins. 326 as to payment of Japanese teacher for, will be obeyed | 8/7 |
| | 398 | " 21 | Bering Sea. Investigation of seal life. Facilities for Dr Stejneger have been requested as directed in 330 | 8/7 |
| c | 399 | " 21 | Treaty of Commerce between China and Japan is understood to have been concluded. The point on which negotiations were delayed, namely the interpretation of the industrial or commercial clause of the Shimonoseki treaty was eliminated. | 8/7 |
| Edwin Dun E.E. & M.P. | 400 | " 26 | Pardon of John Thomas Bush alias George Brown Encs his reply to the Acting Atty Genl giving his opinion as to the expediency of granting same. Reply to 21 st. inst. | 8/4 |
| William Franklin Sands 2d Secy | 401 | Aug 5 | Arrival at Tokio & assumption of duties on July 30. 1896 reported | 9/4 |
| Joseph R. Herod Chargé | H00 | " 7 | Second Secretary of Legation. Arrival of W.F. Sands on July 30 reported. | 9/4 |
| | H01 | " 7 | Flags of Japan. Encs designs & description & color of flag, regulations of Japanese Navy. Reply to Apr. 25. | 9/4 |
| | Tel. | " 12 | Bering Sea. Investigation of seal life. "Where does Albatross first touch Japan. Wire answer." | 9/20 |
| | H02 | " 15 | Confirms above. | 9/15 |
| | H03 | " 15 | Statistical publications for Dep. of Labor transmitted. Vol 3 cannot be procured. Reply to 329 | 9/15. |
| | H04 | " 18 | Return of Min. Dun this day reported. | 9/15 |
| Edwin Dun E.E.&M.P. | H05 | " 22 | Return to post. Left from home July 17, arrived in Japan Aug 17, resumed duties Aug 18. | 9/15 |
| | 406 | " 22 | Clerk for legation. Asks permission to appoint Peyton Jandon at $400 per annum. | 9/15 |
| c | H07 | Sept 3 | Collisions at Sea. Amendments to the Rules for the prevention of. Japan has no objection to the date of July 1, 1897 for their enforcement and wishes to be notified when they actually go into effect. Note Encd | 9/28 |
| | 408 | " 3 | Political. Cabinet has resigned; resignations of Secy of State, Min for Home Affairs and finance have been accepted; the others declined: translation of a Jap article on the crisis, Encd. | 9/28. |
| | H09 | " 14 | Same subject. New cabinet not yet formed. | 10/6. |
| c | H10 | " 14 | Copyright and Patents: Reciprocal rights are provided for in recent treaty between Japan and Germany. Text of articles Encd. Asks whether the same rights may be secured for American citizens under the most favored nation clause by an exchange of notes | 10/6 |
| | H11 | " 14 | Shipbuilding and Merchant Marine. Laws for the development of, Encd. Ref to 346. | 10/6. |
| c | H12 | " 21 | Confiscation of Geo W. Lurie's property. Jap'se Govt denies liability on the ground that Lurie was without an attorney and that his leases were ~~resigned~~ Cancelled by the U.S. Consul, for whose action the Jap Govt cannot be held responsible. Calls attention to the fact that in similar cases in which Brit. subjects were concerned, judgment was taken in the Consular Court, and that Consul Abercrombie's action was disavowed by the legation. Encs note from Min for For. Affs and correspce with Consul at Nagasaki. | 10/14 |
| c | H13 | " 21 | Protection of Chinese in Japan. Relates the case of Cantan at Kanagawa offering to procure a passport for a Chinaman under the arrangement which authorized U.S. Representatives to exercise their good offices for Chinese subjects during the war. He and the other Consuls have been informed that the agreement terminated with the reestablishment of peace between the two countries. Correspce Encd | 10/14 |
| | H14 | " 22 | Political. Cabinet formed with Count Matsukata as Premier | 10/14. |
| | H15 | " 22 | Nagasaki. Resignation of S.D. Hepburn recently appointed V.C.at; asks whether his Commission shall be returned to Washington. | 10/14. |
| | H16 | Oct. 1 | Shipbuilding and Merchant Marine. Encs copy of rules rel. to the laws for encouragement of | 10/24. |
| | H17 | " 1 | Political. New Cabinet. Names of | 10/24 |
| c | H18 | " 1 | Trial of John T. Bush by Consular Court. Encs letter and papers addressed to Justice Dept. | 10/24. |
| | H19 | " 1 | Currency report could not be prepared in time for use in November | 10/24 |
| R.S. Miller, Interpreter Edwin Dun, E.E.&M.P. | — | " 7 | Departure on leave for the U.S. Will sail Oct 9. | 11/2 |
| | H20 | " 9 | Repairs on legation premises. He has spent about $150 and asks authority to draw for the amt. Recommends yearly allowance of $500 or 600 for the purpose. | 11/2 |
| c | H21 | " 19 | Passports not required in Japan. No law regulating arrival, residence, or departure of foreigners. | 11/14 |
| | H22 | " 19 | Policy of new Cabinet outlined in Encd speech of Premier Count Matsukata. | 11/14. |
| | H23 | " 19 | Foreign Relations of 1892 requested for Jap. Dept. of Agriculture and Commerce | 11/14 |
| | H24 | Nov 6 | Currency Report will be forwarded in next mail. Nothing to tel | 11/30. |
| Respectfully yours R. S. Miller, Interpreter Edwin Dun, E.E.&M.P. | H25 | " 14 | Same subject. Report prepared by Prof. Garrett Dec. 1895, transmitted. | 12/5 |
| | F | " 9 | Arrival at his home in Ithaca, on Nov. 3, reported. | 11/11 |
| c | Tel | " 13 | Patents and Trade Marks. Willingness of Japan to put into operation Art XVI and XVIII of the new treaty at the same time as Art 17 of the German treaty, ~~to be~~ ratified on Nov. 18. Asks whether it will be necessary to conclude formal convention | 11/12 |

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| Edwin Dun, Ellsworth | c H26 | 1 Nov. | Patents and Trade-Marks. Sets forth proposition of Jap Govt to extend to U.S. the immediate operation of the Art. of the treaty rel. to, and alternative proposition of either surrendering Consular jurisdiction or enforcing Japanese patent laws in Consular Courts. Enc's note | 12/5. |
| | c H27 | " 15 | Same subject. Text of his tel. of Nov 13. | 12/5. |
| | Tel | " 19 | Jurisdiction over Americans in matters pertaining to Art XVI of the treaty. Min for FA. wishes to know whether U.S. will consent to surrender | 12/9. |
| | c H28 | " 23 | Same subject. Confirms above and repeats Asp's tel. of Nov 13 | 12/16 |
| | H29 | " 23 | Same subject. Reports interviews with Min. for F.A. rel. to the form of convention for the immediate enforcement of the Art (XVI) rel. to protection of industrial property, and simultaneous surrender of Consular Jurisdiction in cases pertaining thereto. Switzerland has agreed to such a surrender in treaty just concluded, and Great Britain is said to be willing to do likewise. | 12/16. |
| | H30 | Dec 2 | Treaty of commerce & navigation between Japan & China. Printed copy Encl'd | 12/28 |
| | Tel. | " 4 | Patents and Trade Marks. Jap Govt has concluded arrangement with G't Britain for reciprocal protection of industrial property; jurisdiction question not mentioned in the arrangt; protection of Jap. rights in G't Brit will be secured by an order in Council. I am sure Japanese Govt will be now quite satisfied if the U.S. decline to surrender jurisdiction. If I do conclude a convention without the jurisdiction clause can it be carried into effect immediately under Act of Congress approved Aug 5, 1882 or must it await until the President approves by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. | 12/4 |
| | Tel. | " 11 | Same subject. Advises the negotiation of Convention in Washington in order to save time. | 12/10. |
| | c H31-32 | " 12 | Same subject. Text of tel's to and from Asp. | 1/4 |
| | H33 | " 12 | Same subject. Relates interviews with Min for FA. and reports in detail facts contained in his tel. | 1/4 |
| | H34 | " 12 | Nagasaki Customs Commissioner of V. Con. Neffbrun as instructed in 273 363. | 1/4 |
| R. S. Miller, Interpreter Edwin Dun, E.E. & M.P. | | " 15 | Leave Extension of 30 days requested. | 1/7 |
| | H35 | " 21 | Text of Asp's tel. of Dec 15. | 1/13. |
| | H36 | " 21 | Postal Congress at Washington. Japan will send delegates. Notes encl'd. | 1/13. |
| | c H37 | " 21 | Land leases of Kew. W. Lake. Enc's note sent to Jap Govt in compliance with Ins. 368. | 1/13. |
| | c H38 | " 21 | Patents and Trade Marks Convention. Enc's notes to and from Min for FA regarding transfer of negotiations to Washington | 1/13. |
| | H39 | " 21 | Collisions at Sea. Enc's note to Min for FA urging simultaneous action in regard to adoption of rules | 1/13 |
| | HH0 | " 30 | Political. Emperor's Speech at the opening of the Diet encl'd | 1/25. |
| | HH1 | " 30 | Death of Peyton Jaudon, Clerk of the Legation, on Dec 23, reported. | 1/25. |
| | HH2 | Jan. 1897 8 | Foreign Relations. Annual Vol. of, desired by Jap Govt. | 1/30. |
| | Tel | " 16 | Death of Empress Dowager. Their majesties thankfully acknowledge the President's kind message | 2/16. |
| | HH3 | " 18 | Same subject. Text of tel's rec'd and sent. | 2/22 |
| | HH4 | " 18 | Collisions at Sea. Present rules of Japan may be modified after enforcement of amended rules by the other powers. Note encl'd | 2/22 |
| | HH5 | " 18 | Second Secretary of Legation is making satisfactory progress in his Japanese studies. | 2/22 |
| | HH6 | " 18 | Death of Empress Dowager. Funeral will take place in Feb at Kyoto; one year's mourning ordered | 2/22 |
| | H47 | " 18 | Same subject. Enc's note as to President's message of condolence. | 2/22 |
| | H48 | " 26 | Sewing Exposition at New York. Exhibits for the, have been shipped. Japan expects that they will be returned or others of the same kind given in exchange. Note encl'd | 2/26. |
| | HH9 | Feb. 5 | Customs Courtesy for Foreman Min to Japan requested. | 2/26. |
| | H50 | " 5 | Collisions at Sea. Enc's two notes to Min for FA in accordance with Ins. 377 and 380 | 2/26 |
| | H51 | " 5 | Patent and Trade Marks Convention. Acts. Asp's tel, steps have been taken for prompt exchange | 2/26. |
| | H52 | " 23 | Funeral of the Empress Dowager. Newspaper account of the ceremonies encl'd | 3/24. |
| | H53 | " 23 | Foreign Affairs of Japan. Speech of the Min for FA. on the, encl'd. | 3/24. |
| | c H54 | " 23 | Monetary reform in Japan. Outline of the bill contemplated for the change of standard to gold, at the ratio of thirty-two to one. | 3/24 |
| R. S. Miller, Interpreter Edwin Dun, E.E. & M.P. | | Mar 5 | Return to post on March 1st reported | 3/27 |
| | H55 | " 5 | Patent and Trade Mark Convention. Exchange Copy has been delivered to Min for FA for ratification | 3/27 |
| | c H56 | " 5 | Korea. Protocols between Russia and Japan regulating their respective relations in. Text of, and speech of Min for FA. in explanation of the arrangements | 3/27 |
| | c H57 | " 5 | Monetary reform in Japan. Refers to H54 and Enc's text of the bill and comments thereon of the native Press as published in the Japan Mail. | 3/27 |

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| Edwin Dun, E&MP. | Tel | Mar 8 | Patent and Trade Mark Convention. The ratifications were exchanged to-day. | 3/8. |
| | Tel | " 9 | Collisions at Sea. "Japan will enforce amended rules prevention collisions at Sea from July 1 next." | 3/9. |
| | c #58 | " 11 | Patent and Trade Mark Convention. Confirms tel. Enc's exchange copy certificate of exchange and full power; Con Gen of Kanagawa has been notified and notice published. | 4/6. |
| | " #59 | " 11 | Collisions at Sea. Confirms tel of Mar 9 and Enc's note from Min for FA. | 4/6. |
| | Tel | " 12 | Patent and Trade Mark Convention. "Emperor ratified Trade Mark Convention March 6." | 3/12. |
| | c #60 | " 13 | Text of tels to and from Dep. from March 8 to Mar 12. | 4/6. |
| | c #61 | " 12 | Monetary Reform. Coinage bill referred to in "#57 has passed the Lower and gone to the Upper House | 4/6 |
| | #62 | " 23 | Collisions at Sea. Bill to enforce new rules passed the Upper House on Mar 19. | 4/19 |
| | #63 | " 23 | Financial and tariff bills have been passed and are awaiting the Emperor's approval | 4/19. |
| | #64 | " 25 | Coinage bill, referred to in "#57, has passed the House of Peers and awaits the Emp's approval | 4/16. |
| | Tel | " 30 | Grant Monument Dedication. Japan unable to send a war ship in time | 4/26. |
| | #65 | April 2 | Political. Adjournment of the tenth session of the Diet on Mar 25 reported. | 4/26. |
| | #66 | " 2 | Postal Congress of Washington. Enc's note announcing appointment of delegates to it, they sailed Mar 26 | 4/26. |
| | #67 | " 2 | Bering Sea. Prof Jordan's report in Dis. 388 has been given to Japanese Govt | 4/26. |
| | #68 | " 2 | Admeasurement of Vessels. Application has been made for English text of Jap. rules. Reply to 390. | 4/26. |
| | #69 | " 2 | Collisions at Sea. Washington Rules have been formally incorporated in the Jap. law. Refers to #368. | 4/26. |
| | #70 | " 3 | Grant Monument Dedication. Japan unable to send ship. Note Enc'd. | 4/26. |
| | #71 | " 3 | Same subject. Text of tels rec'd and sent. | 4/26. |
| | #72 | " 3 | Financial. Jap. Budget and New Customs-Tariff will be sent by next mail. | 4/26. |
| | #73 | " 12 | Same subject. Text of the budget and tariff above mentioned, Enc'd. | 5/6. |
| | #74 | " 12 | Collisions at Sea. Enc's note giving notice of the enforcement of the new rules. Ref to #69 | 5/6. |
| | #75 | " 12 | Coinage. Report has been sent to Director of the Mint. | 5/6. |
| | #76 | " 12 | Patents and Trade Marks. Regulations in force in Japan Enc'd. | 5/6. |
| | c #77 | " 12 | Hawaii and Japan. Difficulty between, over the immigration question, is earnestly discussed by the vernacular press which urges vigorous action. Jap Govt is disinclined to act otherwise than through diplomatic channels and altho' two war ships have been ordered to Hawaii, it is believed that it would accept an amendment of the immigration treaty and be glad of an annexation by the U.S. | 5/6. |
| | #78 | " 23 | Patent Regulations of Japan Enc'd. | 5/17 |
| | #79 | " 23 | Publication Trade Returns Enc'd. | 5/17 |
| | #80 | " 23 | Secretary of State. Ask's Circ. of Mar 6 | 5/17 |
| | #81 | " 23 | Ceremonial letter in Dis. #00 has been delivered. | 5/17 |
| | #82 | " 23 | Legation. Cost of suitable building would be about £6000 | 5/17 |
| | #83 | " 23 | Passport Circular of Feb 15 Enc'd. | 5/17 |
| | #84 | " 23 | "395 ask'd. | 5/17 |
| | #85 | " 23 | "399 ask'd | 5/17 |
| | #86 | May 3 | Publication for the Smithsonian Institution forwarded | 5/28. |
| Alfred E. Buck, E&MP<br>Edwin Dun, E&MP | — | " 5 | Departure for post. Asks permission to postpone until May 20. | 5/15. |
| | #87 | " 12 | Ceremonial letter in Dis. 400 has been delivered. | 6/ |
| | #88 | " 12 | Silk Bounty. Law granting, to native exporters, Enc'd. Enc's memorial of the Yokohama Chamber of Commerce to the Dip. Corps asking their intervention, which however is not deemed expedient, and adverse comments of the "Japan Mail." | 6/7 |
| Alfred E. Buck, E&MP.<br>Edwin Dun, E&MP. | — | " 18 | Departure for post. Further delay until May 26 req'd. | 6/10 |
| | #89 | " 20 | Recall Letters in Dis. 406 ask'd; they will not be presented until successor's arrival, as requested. | 6/16. |
| | #90 | " 20 | Same subject. Will sail for the U.S. on June 29. Customs courtesies requested. | 6/24. |
| | #91 | " 24 | Customs Courtesies for Austrian Min. to Japan, on his arrival in San Francisco, requested | 6/25. |
| | Tel | " 30 | "Bering Sea Investigation of Seal life." Brit Admiral has prepared accomodation to B. Sea for Am. Seal Commissioners. Are they coming Yokohama. Brit representatives here." | 6/30. |
| | #92 | " 30 | Confirms above. | 6/21. |
| | #93 | " 31 | Tariff Bill of the U.S. Memorial of the Tokyo Chamber of Commerce, against the, addressed to the Min for FA. Enc'd. | 6/11. |
| | #94 | June 9 | Text of Sec'y's tel. of June 2 | 7/5. |
| | Tel | May 31 | Bering Sea Investigation of Seal life. "Brit. Admiral has prepared accommodation to Bering Sea for American Seal Commissioners. Are they coming Yokohama. "British representatives here. | |

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| Orvis Dun E&MP. | c Tel | June 21 | Hawaii. Annexation of, by the US. Text of Japan's objections to and representations against | 6/21. |
| | c #95 | " 28 | Same subject. Encloses note above telegraphed; sentiment appears to be one of surprised regret rather than anger; opposition are using news of the treaty to attack the Cabinet. | 7/17 |
| | #96 | " 28 | Same subject. Dep't tel. of June 25 has been transmitted to Min for FA. | 7/17 |
| | c #97 | " 28 | Same subject. Text of tels to and from Dep. | 7/17 |
| | c #98 | July 1 | Land leases of Geo. W. Laker. Cancellation of. Min for FA. insists that the lands fell out of J's possession through the action of the US Consul and that, as they are now in Japanese hands the judicial solution of the question, if insisted on by the US, must be reached in Japanese Courts. | 7/30 |
| | #99 | " 5 | Recall. Letters presented on July 3. Enc's his address to the Emperor | 7/30 |
| Alfred E Buck, E&MP. | 1 | " 6 | Arrival at post on June 28. Credentials were presented on July 3. | 7/30 |
| | 2 | " 6 | Inventory of property and archives. | 7/30 |
| | 3 | " 6 | Cipher and Holocryptic Codes of the legation are numbered 25. | 7/30 |
| | 4 | " 6 | Second Secretary H Wilson entered upon his duties on July 5. | 7/30 |
| | 5 | " 6 | Military Attaché Lieut Col. Rice arrives on June 28 and entered upon the duties on July 3. | 7/30 |
| | 6 | " 6 | Newspapers for legation. "Tribune" and San Fr. "Chronicle" requested. | 7/30 |
| | 7 | " 15 | Recall of Min Dun. Enc's letters exchanged between Jap. Min for FA and Mr Dun. | 7/9. |
| | Tel | " 15 | Bounty to sealing vessels. Law granting bounty will go into effect April next, definite statement in writing will be furnished. | 8/9 |
| | c 8 | " 16 | Same subject. Text of tel from to Dep. | 8/9. |
| | 9 | " 16 | Passport refused to J.M. McCaleb, a Missionary, who declined to join in the celebration of Independence day and to take the oath of allegiance. Correspondence Enc's. | 8/9. |
| | c 10 | " 21 | Bounty to sealing vessels. Enc's note from Min for FA. giving the various lines of fishery to which the law referred to in tel. of the 15th grants bounties. | 8/16 |
| | 11 | " 22 | Accounts for rent of ground and buildings to April 23, 1898, encl. | 8/16 |
| | 12 | " 22 | Banking statistics enc'd in obedience to Circ of March | 8/16 |
| | 13 | " 25 | Coat of arms for legations requested. | 8/16 |
| | 14 | " 25 | Legation. Improvements and preservation of the; allowance of $400 requested. | 8/16 |
| | 15 | " 21 | 5 and 7 acknd. | 9/17 |
| | 16 | " 23 | Reciprocity clause of Tariff will be communicated to Jap Govt as soon as the act is rec'd | 9/17 |
| | 17 | " 23 | Clerk of the legation. Appointment of Willard E Baker as, reported. | 9/17 |
| | c 18 | " 23 | Consular courts in Japan. Criticisms of, suggests the advisability of appointing a special US judge who would have cognizance of all, but minor criminal, cases, and could become legal adviser of the legation when the treaty going into operation puts an end to extraterritorial jurisdiction. Enc's opinion of late Con Gen. Merrow and published articles in support thereof. | 9/17. |
| | 19 | " 24 | Publications. "Statistics" and "Sanitary" transm'd. | 9/17. |
| | 20 | " 24 | Credentials and recall. Enc's remarks of the Emperor on receiving respective letters of. | 9/17. |
| | 21 | Sept. 1 | Postal Congress. Two acts in Circ Ins. of July 24 have been delivered. | 9/28. |
| | 22 | " 1 | Reciprocity Clause of Tariff act has been communicated to Jap. Govt. | 9/28. |
| | 23 | " 1 | Tariff Act of 1897, in circ. of July 27, acknd. | 9/28. |
| | 24 | " 1 | Collisions at Sea. Treas'y regulations in Circ. of July 26 have been delivered to Jap Govt | 9/28. |
| | 25 | " 1 | Bering Sea Condition of fur seals. Dep't tel. of Aug 26 has been given to Amb. Hamlin | 9/28. |
| | 26 | " 2 | Circular Instructions of July 17, 23, and 29 acknd. | 9/28 |
| | c 27 | " 2 | Hawaii and Japan. Difficulty between. Recites information gathered by him as to possible settlement of the, by Hawaiian offering indemnity or by arbitration Rec'd | 9/28. |
| | c 28 | " 3 | Annexation of Hawaii by the US. is regarded by the Jap. authorities as a foregone conclusion and would not estrange the two countries. Japan "merely striving to conserve rights and privileges under existing treaties with Hawaii, and her apparent energetic attitude seems to have been prompted by political necessity. | 9/28. |
| | c 29 | " 13 | Rescue of Jap. sailors by US "Boston". Enc's correspondence with Min for FA and Capt Wildes rel. to the | 10/6 |
| | 30 | " 13 | Bering Sea Conference. Jap delegates and US Com. Hamlin will arrive at San Fran. Oct 9. | 10/6. |
| | c Tel | " 8 | Same subject. Min for FA of Jap. will send delegates. Will confer about giving instructions on reading report Thompson & Jordan. Hamlin sails on Sept 23, can conference be postponed Oct. 15? Will you use every exertion for consideration of preservation &c. as the Govt earnestly concerned in it though making no conditions | 9/ |

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| Alfred E. Buck, Esq. | c 31 | Sept 13 | Text of tel: from to Dep. of Sept 3, 8 and 9. | 10/6. |
| | c 32 | " 13 | Extra territoriality. Question of, between Gt Britain and Japan, growing out of the arrest and trial of six Chinamen from a Brit war ship for violation of Jap law on shore. Gt Britain's protest unheeded by Japan. Enc's article of the "Daily Mail" supporting the Japanese position | 10/6. |
| | 33 | " 13 | Books for legation. Ms Reports, except Nos 91-131- requested. | 10/6 |
| | 34 | " 21 | Consular Supplies. Refusal of Japan to grant reciprocal free entry for. Notes Enc'd. Rec'd 11. | 10/14. |
| | c 35 | " 22 | Bounties on export. The law granting bounties to native exporters of silk will probably be repealed at the next session of the Diet before going into effect. No official reply to inquiry of this date. | 10/14 |
| | 36 | " 22 | Minister from Brazil, M. Lisboa, was received by the Emperor on the 15th | 10/14. |
| | 37 | " 22 | Coat of Arms for legation received. | 10/14. |
| | Tel. | " 14 | Bering Sea Conference. "Stgnager is expected here before many days en route to Petersburg Hamlin will direct him to proceed at once to Washington if not advised otherwise. Hamlin will be accompanied by Japanese delegates, also by Barrett Hamilton" | 9/14. |
| | c 38 | " 22 | Same subject. Text of the above and of Dept's reply | 10/14. |
| | Tel. | " 22 | Same subject. Barrett Hamilton, invited by Brit Govt, is not going to Washington. It is considered evidence of a want of interest in the conference on the part of Great Britain" | 9/22 |
| | c 39 | " 22 | Same subject. Com: Hamlin has received every courtesy from the Japanese Govt. Enc's note accepting invitation to participate in the Conference; Japan interested in the protection of seal life. | 10/14. |
| | 40 | " 22 | Inventory of articles omitted from that forwarded in No 2 enclosed | 10/14 |
| | 41 | Oct 1 | No 18 acknd. | 10/25. |
| | c Tel. | Sept 13. | Bering Sea Conference. Jap Govt most cordially concurs with the U.S. in the purpose to protect seals. Delegates have been instructed generally. Hamlin's informal suggestions will be accepted by the Jap Govt in most respects if practicable to be carried out. Hamlin thinks the Govt of Gt Brit should be asked to send Hamilton to the Conference | 10/25. |
| | 42 | Oct 1 | Archives of the legation. Fire proof vault for the preservation of the, recommended | 10/25. |
| | 43 | " 1 | Typhoon. Damage to legation buildings by, on Sept 9; estimate of repairs cannot yet be sent. | 10/25. |
| | 44 | " 1 | Text of tels to Dep. of Sept 22 and 23. | 10/25. |
| | 45 | " 1 | No 22 acknd. | 10/25. |
| | c 46 | " 2 | Hawaii. Difficulty between, and Japan. Jap. Govt suspects that Hawaii is endeavoring to put off settlement until annexation is consummated. Jap. is desirous to arbitrate. | 10/25. |
| | Tel | " 11 | Foreign relations. Retention of Hawaii for a few months unchanged. | 11/12 |
| | 47 | " 20 | Exposition at Omaha in 1898: Japan declines invitation to participate. Notes Enc'd | 11/12 |
| | 48 | " 20 | Tariffs, customs regulations & bounty legislation of Japan Enc'd | 11/12 |
| | 49 | " 27 | Anti-foreign feeling in Japan. Evidence of a growing, found in a speech of Marquis Ito deprecating the same. Enc's clipping from the Japan Mail. | " 13 |
| | 50 | " 29 | Text of Dept's tel. of Oct 27. | 11/15 |
| | 51 | " 29 | Chief Judge of Formosa. Removal of the, has given rise to acute controversy as to violation of the Constitution and official maladministration in the island. Newspaper clippings Enc'd | 11/25. |
| | Tel | Nov. 3 | Secretary of legation. Illness of Hayashi, commended to the President. | 11/7 |
| | 52 | " 9 | Minister for F.A. Resignation of, reported. Baron Nishi appointed. | 11/7 |
| | 53 | " 9 | Postal Savings Banks, Telegraphs and Telephones. Reports transmitted. Reports of July 17 | 12/4. |
| | | | Minister for F.A. Resignation of Count Okuma as brought about by opposition within the cabinet; information concerning his successor, Baron Nishi, and names of cabinet officers given. | 12/4. |
| | c 54 | " 5 | Hawaii. Difficulty between Japan and. Min for F.A. in interview evinces a desire to have the U.S. use its good offices toward an early settlement, preferably by the payment of a reasonable indemnity. | |
| | ~ | | Annexation of Hawaii by the U.S. While non committal on the subject, Min for F.A. seems to believe it inevitable and only to regret that Japan's rights and privileges will be continued | 12/4. |
| | 55 | " 17 | No 39 acknd | 12/11 |
| | Tel. | " 18 | Whereabouts: "Stgnager sailed for San Francisco November 10." | 11/18. |
| | 56 | " 19 | Confirms above | 12/11 |
| | 57 | " 20 | Chart for Hydrographic Bureau transmitted | 12/11 |
| | c 58 | " 25 | Reciprocity. Min for F.A. expresses willingness to enter upon a treaty, contingent upon provisions of the treaties with other countries. | 12/20. |
| | ~ | " 19 | Geographical information and maps for the Matthews Northrup Co. Reply to 27 | 12/11 |
| | 59 | " 29 | Consular Supplies. Reciprocal exemption from duties cannot be accorded to under Jap. customs and tariff laws but "every convenience" will be extended on special request of the legation. This is construed to mean "free entry" and Consuls have been instructed to report arrival of supplies. Dec. 28 | 12/ |

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| Alfred A Buck Chargé | 60 | Nov. 29 | Books for the Legation" Supreme Court Reports" requested. | 12/22 |
| | c 61 | " 30 | Food and drinks adulterated. Report on regulations & laws rel to, encld | 12/22. |
| | c 62 | Dec. 6 | Pulp wood: Export duty upon, by Japan: Enc's note stating an ad valorem duty of 5% is levied | 12/29 |
| | | " 7 | Improvement of Nagasaki Harbor + possible violation of rights of foreign land holders at that port in event of scheme being carried out. Encs correspondence with Consul at Nagasaki rel. to, Protests made by Consuls of the treaty powers. | 12/29 |
| | 63 | " 8 | Repairs on Legation property described. Refers to Depts "22 + "46 + to Ins "43 | 12/29 |
| | 64 | " 8 | Military manoeuvres of Japanese Army in Kyushu reported. Attended by Military Attaché. | 12/29 |
| | 65 | " 8 | Treaties of Japan negotiated on the lines of the treaties of 1894 with Gt. Br + U.S. encd. | 12/29 |
| | c 66 | " 8 | Nicaragua Canal: Enc's the cutting from "Japan Times" of 9 Oct. 1897 rel to treaty negotiations bet. Japan + Greater Republic of Central America on the subject + states what he learned at the Foreign office on the subject. Reply to Nov. 10. | 12/30 |
| | c 66 | " 14 | Rescue of Jap. sailors by ves'l "Boston". Refers to "29 and enc's further correspondence on the subject | 1/7 |
| | c 67 | " 16 | Financial Condition of Japan. Views of Count Matsukata on, etc, encld. | 1/7 |
| | c 68 | " 17 | Telephone service in Japan. Revised regulations encld. Refers to "62 | 1/7 |
| | c 69 | " 17 | Murder of Brit. seaman Francis Epps after "Olympia" by Japanese at Nagasaki. Enc's correspondence with Act. Sec'y Adee and reports action taken by Legation and Jap. Govt. | 1/7 |
| | c 70 | " 21 | Same subject. "I had an interview with Jap. Min for F.A. Dec 16; he has taken action in consequence and informs me arrest of suspected murderer of Seaman Olympia. No report of Yorktown case to this Legation until now." | 1/18. |
| | 70 | " 28 | Consular Service of Japan. Transmits such information as he has been able to gather. | 1/24 |
| | c 71 | " 28 | Murder of Brit seaman Frank Epps. Reports his action and enc's correspondence up to date with Act. Sec'y Adee and the Min for F.A. | 1/24. |
| | 72 | " 28 | Political. Diet met on the 24th and was dissolved the next day upon the introduction of a motion of non-confidence in the Ministry. Resignation of the Cabinet already announced | 1/24. |
| | 73 | " 28 | Title of Justus L Cozades house. Ins. 53 will receive attention. | 1/24. |
| | 74 | " 28 | "54 acctd. | 1/24. |
| | c 75 | " 28 | Land leases of Geo. Webster. L has been advised as directed in Ins. 55 | 1/24. |
| Joseph R Herod, Secy Alfred A Buck, Chargé | m | " 30 | Leave of 60 days to visit the U.S. in May requested. | 1/8 |
| | 76 | " 30 | Same subject. Transmits the above with his approval | 1/8. |
| | 77 | Jan. 1898 7 | Political. Cabinet has resigned and Marquis Ito has been instructed to form a new Cabinet. Increase of taxation is urgently needed and stands in the way of a prompt formation. News paper encld | 1/31 |
| | 78 | " 7 | Hawaii. Annexation of. by the U.S. Act's "57 and affirms that nothing more was said in his conversation with Min for F.A. than was reported in his "54. | 1/31 |
| | 79 | " 7 | Foreign Relations of Japan. Enc's article of the "Japan Times" fairly representing public opinion as to | 1/31. |
| | 80 | " 7 | Publications. Trade of Japan & Formosa transmitted. | 1/31 |
| | c 81 | " 7 | Murders of Brit. Seamen of the "Yorktown" and "Olympia". Altho' no great accuracy is displayed in native investigation, the death of the Yorktown Seaman seems to have been accidental; the Epps case is now being actively prosecuted at Nagasaki. Correspondence encl | 1/31 |
| | 82 | " 15 | Political. New Cabinet has been formed by Marquis Ito. Names and antecedents of new members given; a liberal policy may be expected. Enc's article from the Japan Daily Mail. | 2/8 |
| | c 83 | " 17 | Legation. Allowance for steam heating and fire proof vault aggregating $2600. requested | 2/8. |
| | 84 | " 17 | Civil Code of Japan. Translation of by Second Sec'y Dubbins of the Brit Legation transmitted | 2/8. |
| | 85 | " 22 | Tariff of Japan. Enc's two copies of the, as requested in "54. Refers to his "48 and "473 of 1897 | 2/19 |
| | 86 | " 25 | Political. Elections for a new House will take place on March 15. Refers to "72 | 2/19 |
| | 87 | " 26 | "66 acctd. | 2/19 |
| | 88 | " 26 | Murders of Brit. Seamen. Act's "64. | 2/19 |
| | c 89 | " 26 | Same subject. Enc's copy of judgment of Epps's murderers who were sentenced to a fine and note requesting new trial; Enc's medical report of the condition of Montgomery's body and in view of report in "81 doubts whether any arrest can be secured | 2/19 |
| | c 90 | Feb. 4 | China. Attitude of Japan in regard to occupation of Kiaochow by Germany, and rumors of Russia's advancing money to China so as to secure the evacuation of Wei Hai Wei by Japan as one of expectant watchfulness. Enc's newspaper article | 2/24 |
| | 91 | " 4 | Extradition of Ogawa Tsuneko. Reports having arrested pursuant to [redacted] of | 2/24 |

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| Alfred E Buck, Esq. | 92 | Feb. 5 | Dental School. Transmits report as to prerequisites for a, in Japan as requested in "60. | 3/24. |
| | 93 | " 12 | Naval attaché. Suggests appointment of a, to the legation. | 3/7 |
| c | 94 | " 14 | Murder of U.S. Seamen (Ships. Appeal against the sentence is declined by Min for Fo. on the ground that the five days' term has expired. Enc's note to Min for Fo. and record of proceedings, in which the accused only were examined. | 3/7 |
| c | 95 | " 14 | Medicine, Practice of. denied to femal graduates of the Sanwa College. Art's "68, quote law rel. to practice of medicine by native and foreign graduates, and says that if the S. College will submit requisite information, privilege of practice without examination may be granted to graduates. | 3/7 |
| c | 96 | " 14 | Postal Savings Banks. Report on, transm'd | |
| c | 97 | " 18 | Medicine, Practice of. Corrects reading of Art 18 of the Regulations in his "95. | 3/19. |
| | 98 | " 21 | Military Attaché. Translations for the. Referring to his 44, suggests that they could better be made by a special interpreter at a cost of not more than $20 per month. | 3/19. |
| | 99 | " 22 | "69 encls. | 3/19 |
| | 100 | " 22 | "73 encls. | 3/19 |
| | 101 | " 22 | "77 encls | 3/19 |
| | 102 | " 23 | Naval attaché: Refers to "93 and Enc's letter from J. McG Gardner recommending Engineer Deming for | 3/19 |
| | 103 | Mar 4 | Citizenship Rights and duties of. Enc's pamphlet issued by the Legation for the information of Brit. citizens in Japan. | 3/28. |
| | 104 | " 4 | Books for legation asked Refers to. 41. | 3/28. |
| | 105 | " 4 | Rice and beans. Samples of, and letter for Agriculture Dep't forwarded | 3/28. |
| | 106 | " 4 | Seeds for the Agricultural Experiment Station of Japan requested. | 3/28. |
| c | 107 | " 14 | Military Attachés: Enc's newspaper article rel. to disadvantages that U.S. Army Officers are under when attached to Legations. It applies in case of present attaché, Col. Rice. | 4/4 |
| | 108 | " 14 | Customs Courtesies for Lieut A. Souther, Sec'y of British Leg'n at Tokio, at Niagara Falls requested. | 4/4 |
| | 109 | " 22 | "86 encls. | 4/28. |
| | 110 | " 23 | "90 encls. | 4/28. |
| | 111 | " 23 | Military Surgeons. Meeting of, at Kansas City. Invitation in Enc. of Feb 14 will be delivered. | 4/28. |
| | 112 | " 23 | Consular Report. Information for the has been applied for. | 4/28. |
| | 113 | " 24 | Political. Elections to the Lower House. Returns of, show that the Independents, with 35 votes, will hold the balance of power. | 4/28 |
| | | April 1 | Publication. Foreign trade reports transmitted. | 4/28. |
| c | 114 | " 1 | Silk bounty. Law granting a, to native exporters. Said to be promulgated but steps will be taken to bring about its repeal at the next Session of the Diet. Enc's text of the Imperial Ordinance. | 4/28. |
| | 115 | " 2 | Political. Next Session of the Diet will be called on May 14 | 4/28. |
| | 116 | " 11 | Japan and Great Britain in China. Reports an understanding by which Japan will evacuate Wei Hai Wei on the payment of the balance of the War indemnity and Gt Britain o cupy it. | 5/5. |
| | 117 | " 11 | Buring Exposition at New York. Inclosures in his 95 will be delivered to Japl Govt. | 5/5. |
| | 118 | " 11 | "97 encls | 5/5. |
| | 119 | " 11 | "98 encls. | 5/5. |
| | 120 | " 11 | Library of Congress. All possible assistance will be given as requested in Enc. of Mar 16. | 5/5. |
| | 121 | " 11 | Repairs to legation. Refers to "63 and requests additional allowance of $200. | 5/5. |
| | 122 | " 12 | Publication Foreign Trade of Japan forwarded | 5/5. |
| | 123 | " 12 | Military Surgeons. Meeting of, at Kansas City. Invitation declined by Japan | 5/5. |
| | 124 | " 22 | Customs courtesies requested for Sec'y of legation Herod due in San Francisco about May 28 | 5/21. |
| Tel | | " 24 | War with Spain. "Your two telegrams of 22d rec'd and reported Min for F.A." | 4/24. |
| | 125 | " 25 | Same subject. Enc's note to Min for Fo and text of tel. from to the Dep. | 4/21. |
| | 126 | " 25 | Rent of legation grounds was paid from April 24, to Dec 31, so that next payments may begin with the 25. Enc's account therefor. | 5/21. |
| | 127 | " 29 | War with Spain. Enc's note and text of Dep's tel. which is transmitted to the Japl Govt. | 5/21. |
| Tel | | " 29 | Same subject. "Instructions by cable April 26 were received and communicated direct to Japl Govt at once. Proclamation of neutrality promised is to be promulgated in a few days." | 4/29 |
| | 128 | " 29 | Same subject. Confirms above; reasons for delay in issuance of neutrality proclamation; popular sympathy seems to be with the U.S. | 5/21. |
| | 129 | " 29 | "99 encls. | 5/21. |

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| Alfred E. Buck, Esq. M.P. | c 130 | April 29 | Legation Premises. Cost of new would approximate $80000. Marks comparative statements of cost and value of other legations. | 5/21. |
| | 131 | " 30 | Political. Resignation of Min for Agriculture & Commerce and appointment of his successor reported. other changes made likely by growing opposition to the Govt. | 5/21. |
| | Tel | May 2 | War with Spain. Proclamation of neutrality dated april 30th announced officially by Japan this morning May 2nd. | 5/2 |
| | Tel | " 3 | Same subject. Japanese War vessels are to be sent to Manila to watch operations and protect Japanese subjects. | 5/3 |
| | c 132 | " 5 | Same subject. Text of neutrality proclamation Encl | 5/16. |
| | 133 | " 6 | Soil for soy bean culture and explanatory letter transd for delivery to Agr. Dep. | 6/2 |
| | c 134 | " 10 | War with Spain. Neutrality of Japan would allow U.S. Warships to coal only once in three months and then in quantity sufficient to allow the ship to reach a home port. Encls correspondence with admiral Dewey on the subject | 6/2 |
| | 135 | " 10 | Secretary of legation. Retention of J.R. Herod as, or promotion of 2nd Secy Wilson, if Herod should resign, recommended. Refers to letter written to the President. Herod shall sail on the 11th for the U.S. | 6/2 |
| | 136 | " 10 | Min. of Education. Prof. Eiichi Toyama has been appointed vice Marquis Saionji resigned | 6/2 |
| | 137 | " 10 | 104 encls. | 6/2 |
| | 138 | " 10 | War with Spain. Japanese War vessels going to Manila. Encl note giving information telegraphed to the Dep on May 3d. Confirms text of the same. | 6/2 |
| | 139 | " 10 | Customs Courtesies for German Secy of legation at Tokyo | 6/2 |
| | c 140 | " 10 | Korea. Protocol of April 25 signed by Japan and Russia recognizing the independence of, and providing to extend no advice or assistance without consulting each other. Text Encl | 6/2 |
| | c 141 | " 21 | Sub marine Mines. New device for. Encl's specifications and drawings which Jas. E. Wilkerson wishes laid before the War Dep. | 6/13 |
| | c 142 | " 21 | Medicine. Practice of. without further examination has been furnished to graduates of the Laura Memorial Medical College. Rep to #68 and 102 | 6/13. |
| | 143 | " 20 | Political. Opening of the 12th Diet. Encl Emperor's Speech and transmits rumors as to duration and attitude of that body. | 6/13. |
| | 144 | " 25 | Military Attaché. Customs courtesies requested for Lieut Col. Price. | 6/14. |
| | c 145 | " 26 | Silk bounty. Bill repealing the, is only awaiting Imperial Sanction to become a law. | 6/14. |
| | 146 | June 2 | Trade. Samples with No. 107 encls. | 6/29 |
| | 147 | " 2 | Cons. con's with Circ of April 28 encls. | 6/29 |
| | 148 | " 2 | Postal Convention of Washington. Accession of Orange Free State has been made known to Japan Govt | 6/29 |
| | 149 | " 2 | Circular of April 25 encls. | 6/29 |
| | 150 | " 2 | Circular of April 25 encls. | 6/29 |
| | 151 | " 2 | Circular of April 28 encls | 6/29 |
| | c 152 | " 6 | Silk bounty. Law repealing, was sanctioned and took effect on May 25 | 6/29 |
| | 153 | " 6 | Political. Resolution censuring the Govt for its attitude in China and its foreign measures was defeated by a vote of 171 to 115. Encl questions and answers of the Govt in the case. | 6/29 |
| | 154 | " 16 | Circular of May 5 encls | 7/12 |
| | 155 | " 16 | Red Cross Convention. Accession to additional Articles of Geneva Convention by the U.S. has been made known to Jap Govt. | 7/12 |
| | 156 | " 16 | Act w circ. May 7. | |
| | 157 | " 16 | Circular of May 5 (Ambulance Ships) encls. | 7/12 |
| | Tel | " 21 | Duty on tea. It is feared Jap Govt is about destitute about duty on tea. Jap Min for Fin. claims will be very disastrous. Upon his request I make known the situation by cable. | 6/11 |
| | c 158 | " 16 | Same subject. Text of tel to and from Dep | 7/12 |
| | 159 | " 16 | Political. Twelfth Diet was dissolved on the 10th by reason of its repealing the Land Tax bill. Synopsis of the work done by it, and forecast of combination of various parties in the future | 7/12 |
| | 160 | " 17 | Death of Capt Bridley U.S. Navy. Marks of sympathy shown by Jap authorities have been asked | 7/12 |
| | 161 | " 17 | Repairs to legation. Thanks for increased allowance granted in c 116 | 7/12 |
| | 162 | " 27 | Political. Resignation of the Jap Cabinet is announced on good authority; reasons given. | 7/20 |
| | — | July 6 | Coinage Report transmitted | 7/20. |
| | 163 | " 6 | Political. New Cabinet formed by Count Okuma was considerably assisted by retiring [illegible] | 7/20 |

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| Alfred E Buck Esq | 164 | July 6 | War with Spain. Blockade of So Cuba and PR Am's note to Min for Fn. giving notice of | 7/30. |
| | 165 | " 6 | Same subject. Annexation of the Philippines by the US. is not regarded by Japan with especial disfavor; Am's articles of the Yorodzu Choho evincing friendly feelings toward the US. | 7/30. |
| | 6/166 | " 15 | Treaty. Enforcement of new. Memorials of American citizens of Kobe presenting their apprehensions as regards land tenure, municipal freedom and conviction of jails &c. Remarks that whatever ground there may be for the same is likely to be removed in good time. | 8/5 |
| | 167 | " 15 | Nagasaki. Application for the recognition of E.R. Fulkerson as U. Con. at. has been made | 8/7. |
| | 168 | " 15 | Osaka and Hiogo. Same reply as to Hnb. P. Smith. | 8/7. |
| | 169 | " 15 | "19 encls. | 8/7. |
| | 170 | " 15 | Harbor Regulations for the open Ports and | 8/7 |
| | 171 | " 15 | Clerk of legation. R.S. Miller has been appointed, vice Willard D Baker. Refers to No. 14. | 8/7. |
| ~ | ~ | " 26 | Health organizations in Japan. Transmits pamphlet on the. | 8/26. |
| ~ | ~ | " 26 | Neutrality laws or regulations. None issued or case arising since 1870. Refers to Circ of June 21 | 8/26. |
| | 172 | " 26 | Hawaii. Annexation of, is looked upon without dissatisfaction by the people and Govt of Japan | 8/26. |
| | 173 | " 26 | Codes of Japan. Translated by A Sonholm. Set of, transmitted. | 8/26. |
| c | 174 | " 26 | Assault on Brig Sands of the US legation at Seoul by Shidzjo Inouye. Am's proceedings of the trial, and results action of the legation in bringing it about. | 8/26. |
| | 175 | " 26 | "131 encls. | 8/26 |
| | 176 | " 26 | Publication. "Resumé Statistique" transmitted. | 8/26. |
| | 177 | " 26 | Duty on tea in the US. Irritation reported in "158 has considerably subsided | 8/26. |
| | Tel. | " 27 | Visit of German War vessel Arcona to the Caroline Islands. Her departure from Nagasaki is reported by the Consul | 8/27. |
| | 178 | " 28 | Friendliness of Japan to the US. Reports incidents and Am's publications and newspaper articles indicative of the. | 8/26 |
| | 179 | " 28 | Text of tel. sent to Dep. July 27. | 8/26. |
| c | 180 | " 28 | Treaties of Japan. The revised will go in operation on July 17, 1899 and notice of the date has been given to all countries whose treaties required such notice; that with Austria not yet ratified. | 8/26 |
| | 181 | " 29 | Newspapers for legation. Continuation of, requested. | 8/18. |
| Joseph R Herod. Sec, Alfred E Buck. Esq. | ~ | Aug 4 | Leave. Extension of, for thirty days without pay, requested. | 8/4. |
| | 182 | " 13 | Philippines. Annexation of the, is now universally favored by the native and foreign press and by the leading classes in Japan. Encls newspaper articles. Refers to "165. | 9/13. |
| | 183 | " 15 | Text of Sec's tel. of Aug 12 | 9/13. |
| | 184 | " 15 | Postal Conventions of Washington. Ratifications of, in Act of July 15. have been made known to Japanese Govt. | 9/13. |
| | 185 | " 13 | Visit of German War vessel to the Caroline Islands. The Arcona did go to Kiao Chow as announced but sailed thence for the Caroline Islands. | 9/13. |
| | 186 | " 16 | Political. Returns of elections to the Diet transmitted | 9/13. |
| | 187 | " 29 | Consular Suffrin - Mr Buck's conclusion that U.S. Con. Sup. will not be admitted from by Japan | 10/6 |
| c | 188 | Sept. 3 | Light + Sounding / Fog Bell of Soya-misaki Light House, Hokkaido - to be continued hereafter daily - | 10/6 |
| c | 189 | " 6 | Complaint of Edw Cake, because of refusal to permit placing of goods on his vessel "Adventure". | 10/6 |
| c | 190 | " 6 | Neutrality - Jap. Govt's conviction that they cannot permit docking U.S. War ships in their ports during armistice without violating. — | 10/6 |
| ~ c | 191 | " 8 | Philippines - View of Count Okuma that U.S. shd retain control of all the | 9/26 |
| | 192 | " 8 | Publication issued by Agriculture Dep will be forwarded as soon as translated | 10/6 |
| | 193 | " 10 | Harbor Regulations for open Ports - how to be Enforced. | 10/6 |
| | 194 | " 12 | Customs Tariff Law with M.N. c. c. to be enforced throughout Jap. Dominion fr. Jan 1. '99. | 10/6 |
| | Tel. | " 14 | Japanese Min. to U.S. - "Komura, Min. F.A. has been appointed Min. to the U.S." | ? |
| | 195 | " 15 | Same subject - (confirmatory) | 10/21 |
| | 196 | " 17 | Peace with Spain - Act in circ. Aug. 16. '98 | 10/21 |
| | 197 | " 17 | Cipher (Slater's) Act "165 16 Aug. | 10/21 |
| | 198 | " 20 | Japanese Min. to U.S. - confirms Sec'y's tel. 10 Sept. | 10/21 |
| | 199 | " 20 | List Merchant Vessels of Japan - for '98 Encls. | 10/21 |
| | 200 | " 20 | Customs facilities for Mr. Teats, N.R. of Newzealand at Tokyo. Sails for Vancouver. Thence. | 10/21 |

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| FROM Japan. | NO. | DATE. 1898 | SUBJECT. | DATE OF RECEIPT. |
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| Alfred E. Buck, E.E. & M.P. | — | Sept. 20 | Red Cross Jubilee - Ack's letter Aug. 15. 98. Will act thereon - | 10/24 |
| | 201 | " 23 | Publication - Educational. 3 cop. Encl. | 10/24 |
| | 202 | " 29 | Trade mark of "N.Y. condensed Milk Co." - Ack's #146: will report | 10/24 |
| | 203 | " 29 | Missing instruction. #142 & #143 - | 10/24 |
| | 204 | " 29 | Imperial Diet to be convoked - nov. 7. | 10/24 |
| | Tel. | " 29 | Citizenship - "Is a Hawaiian citizen in Japan entitled to protection as now a citizen of "the U.S." | 9/29 |
| | 205 | " 29 | Same subject - confirms above tel. | 10/24 |
| | 206 | Oct. 18 | #142 & 143 ack'd. | 11/16 |
| | 207 | " 31 | Expedition of Gerard Fowke. Ack's #159 | 11/26 |
| | 208 | Nov. 1 | Samsui - Affd of Jas. W. Davidson as Consul at - Ack's #155 | 11/26 |
| | 209 | " 1 | Naval Attaché, Lt A.C. Key, USN - Ack's #157. | 11/26 |
| | 210 | " 1 | Introduction of M. Seymour - Can'l sent Tel - Oct. 24. | 11/26 |
| | 211 | " 4 | Hawaiian Citizen in Japan - Ack's #160. | 11/26 |
| | 212 | " 8 | Agricultural Reports, transmitted. | 12/9 |
| | 213 | " 8 | #161 ackd. | 12/16 |
| | 214 | " 8 | #163 ackd. | 12/16 |
| | 215 | " 8 | #164 ackd. | 12/16 |
| | 216 | " 8 | #165 ackd. | 12/16 |
| | 217 | " 8 | Political, Cabinet formed by Count Okuma. Refers to his #163 rel to 2nd reports the dissolution of Ito's particulars, 2nd comments thereon. | 12/16 |
| | 218 | " 8 | Same subject. Election of President 2nd Vice President of the House secured by Liberal party. Particulars | 12/16 |
| | 219 | " 21 | Same subject. Appointments to portfolios in new cabinet. Gives list of. | 12/19 |
| | 220 | " 28 | Thanksgiving Day, encl' 3 Copies of Mr. Buck's notification & asks to be notified of date, each year. | 12/22 |
| | 221 | " 28 | Political. - Agreement between leaders of Liberal party & Cabinet: refers to 219. | 12/22 |
| | Tel. | " 28 | Furniture Schedule | |
| | Tel. | Dec. 5 | Leave of absence requested. | |
| | 222 | Dec. 6 | Gold Standard in Japan - Encl's extract fr. Japan Mail. cancl. | 1/3 |
| | Tel. | " 7 | Leave for Wilson approved. | 12/13 |
| | Tel. | " 7 | Legation - Herod has returned. Leave of absence for Wilson approved - | |
| | 223 | " 8 | Japanese Diet - opening of 13th - | 1/3 |
| | 224 | " 9 | Leave of absence for Mr. Wilson - Tels - confirmed - | 1/3 |
| | 225 | " 9 | " " " Mr Herod - to resume duties Oct. 6. '98 - | 1/3 |
| | 226 | " 9 | Diplomatic Pouches - #171 ack'd - | 1/3 |
| | 227 | " 9 | Legation - Naval attaché Lt Key, arrived - | 1/3 |
| | 228 | " 9 | Trade mark of the "Eagle Brand Condensed Milk". Refusal of Jap. Govt to register - States that the N.Y. Condensed Milk Co. has not applied for registration of the Eagle Brand Mark. Gives particulars of interviews of Mr. Herod at F.O. Encl's - | |
| | 229 | " 16 | Trial of John Kelly for murder in U.S. Cons. Court - Encl's copy of his decision in the case | 1/11 |
| | 230 | " 19 | Naval War College at Newport - Transmits request permission for Lieut. Akiyama (J.N.) to enter - | 1/11 |
| | 231 | " 19 | China - Speech of Marquis Ito on - Encl's copy - | 1/11 |
| | Tel. | " 23 | Postal Convention of 1878 - Japan has executed to | 1/18 |
| | 232 | " 29 | Treaty bet U.S. & Japan - Calls attention to absence of provisions in. rel. to dis-position of pending cases in Cons. Courts &c. | 1/18 |
| | Tel | 1899 Jan. 2 | Cable between U.S. and Japan. Asks whether he is to inform Japan Govt that it would be agreeable to the U.S. to have it laid by the Company represented by Seymour | 1/ |
| | 233 | " 2 | Military Attaché. Return of Captain Rice or appointment of Lieut. Chas G. Treat, recommended | 1/18 |
| | 234 | " 2 | Text of Tel's of Dec. 31 from and Jan 2 to Dep. | 1/25 |
| | 235 | " 9 | Philippines. Insurgents' attempt to purchase arms in Japan. The agents have been told by Min for F.A. that they had better leave the country; three have done so. Correspondence encl'd | 2/8 |
| | 236 | " 5 | Commercial Conventions of Japan with Germany and France, establishing specific instead of ad valorem duties encl'd. | 2/8 |

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| FROM | NO. | DATE. 1899 | SUBJECT. | DATE OF RECEIPT. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Japan | | | | |
| Alfred E Buck, Esq U.S. | 237 | Jan. 9 | Taxation. Increase of has been voted by the Lower House. Views given: support of the Liberal Party will probably bring some of the party into the Cabinet. | 2/8. |
| | 238 | " 9 | Text of tel. from Dep. of Jan 3. | 2/8. |
| | 239 | " 16 | Text of tel. from to Dep of Dec 21 and 23. | 2/8 |
| c | 240 | " 16 | American prisoners under Japanese jurisdiction when treaty of 1894 comes into operation. Request that they be accorded the same treatment as Jap. receive in the U.S. has been presented in Em's memorandum | 2/7 |
| | 241 | " 16 | Merchant Marine laws were forwarded in #111 and #116 of 96. Duplicates will be sent | 2/8 |
| | 242 | " 24 | Same subject. Em's laws and regulations in the English language, and list of those in Japanese language | 2/16. |
| c | 243 | " 23 | Cable between the U.S. and Japan. Dep's tel. of Jan 19 has been made known to Min for For. Af. who prefers not to take it into consideration, the Brit Min having been promised that Brit Govt would be given a hearing | 2/16. |
| | 244 | " 23 | Consular Reports from June to December asked | 2/16. |
| c | 245 | " 25 | American prisoners under Japanese jurisdiction. Refers to #240 and Em's despatch of Brit Min to his Govt on the subject. | 2/16. |
| | 246 | " 24 | Departure of 2nd Sec'y Wilson on his leave of absence was made on Jan 17. | 2/16. |
| c | 247 | " 26 | Commercial Alliance in the Far East of U.S. G.B. Brit. Japan & Germany advocated by Lord Chas Beresford in Em's speech delivered in Tokyo | 2/16. |
| | 248 | " 26 | Leave of 60 days to visit China in March and cable answer requested. | 2/16. |
| c | 249 | " 31 | Citizenship of alleged Hawaiian O Bamberger. The suit against B having been dropped, there is no occasion for proceeding with the inquiry as to the, as instructed to do in #174. | 2/28. |
| | 250 | Feb. 1 | Postal Conventions of Washington Circ of Dec 17 and 28 have been given to Jap Govt— | 2/ |
| | 251 | " 3 | #183 acknd | 2/ |
| | 252 | " 6 | Postal Conventions of Washington. Circ. of Dec 30 has been given to Jap Govt | 3/6 |
| | 253 | " 6 | Same subject. Same reply as to Circ of Jan 10. | 3/6. |
| | 254 | " 6 | #186 acknd. | 3/6. |
| | 255 | " 10 | Treaties of Japan with other Powers. 2 Vols. Em's. | 3/6. |
| | 256 | " 10 | Publication of Brit Govt of the Straits Settlements and other provinces in Asia. Transd | 3/6 |
| c | Tel | " 10 | Philippines. Pacification of the. Offer of Marquis Ito to go or send to the Islands, and use his influence to work bringing about the; transmitted | 3/2 |
| b | 257 | " 10 | Same subject. Confirms above suggestion was made by Em some time and subsequently confirmed by the Marquis. | 3/6. |
| | 258 | " 17 | Drugs. Restrictions and discrimination alleged by Dodge Olcott in Ins. 178 are without foundations. Explains operations of the Jap. tariff laws under which complaint arose | 3/14. |
| c | 259 | " 22 | Philippines. Pacification of the. Tel of Mar 10 and #257 have been mailed to J G Schurman as min. | 3/22 |
| | 260 | " 21 | Text of Dep's tel. of Mar 17. | 3/22 |
| Huntington Wilson, 2nd Sec'y | | " 25 | Arrival at his home in Wheaton, Ills. on this day reported. | 3/2 |
| Alfred E Buck, Esq U.S. | c Tel | Mar 2 | Treaty of Nov. 1894. Draft of convention received to day. Min. for For. Af. of Japan regrets not time to submit draft of convention to cabinet to secure full powers to consult Privy Council and to telegraph Min. of Japan Washington DC by 4th of March. Particulars will be sent by next mail. | 3/2 |
| | c 261 | " 2 | Same subject. Confirms above and reports interview with Min for For. Af. Japan will not permit execution of judgments of Consular Courts after date of operation of treaty, but will take charge of prisoners until they are removed from Japan | 3/29. |
| Joseph R Hazard, Ch'd'a't | 262 | " 3 | Departure of Min Buck for China on Mar 6, under leave granted by cable, reported | 3/29. |
| | 263 | " 8 | Publication referred to in Dep's tel of Mar 6 was given to Philippine Com'n on their passage in Japan | 4/7 |
| | 264 | " 14 | Subsidies to Navigation Articles of the Japan Mail on bills presented and passed on the subject of Em | 4/7 |
| | 265 | " 14 | Political Adjournment of the Diet on Mar 9 reported | 4/7 |
| c | 266 | " 23 | Philippine Commission. Offer of M. Kirkwood, author of the book on "Brit Govt of Asiatic Colonies", to assist the, with his knowledge and experience, transmitted. | 4/18. |
| | 267 | " 23 | Judicial. Instructions of Min. of Justice directing prompt action in procedure and acceptance of bail when admissible. Em's clipping from the "Japan Times." | 4/18. |
| c | 268 | " 23 | Philippines. Agent of insurgents delivered an address at Tokyo, and thus elicited the feeling in Japan which is unanimously adverse to the insurgents continuing the struggle. Said agent failed in his mission to purchase arms and ammunition. Em's text of address and comments thereon of the "Far East" and "Japan Times." | 4/18 |

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| Joseph R Herod, Chargé | 269 | Mar 23 | Treaty between France and Japan will not come into operation until Aug 4; asks whether he may not claim for Americans all privileges enjoyed by the French until that date | 4/18. |
| | c 270 | " 28 | Consular Jurisdiction. Reports his efforts toward securing, by note, an extension of time, beyond July 17, in cases then pending in Consular Courts. | 4/28. |
| | 271 | " 31 | Mining law of Japan as passed at the last sitting of Diet. Refers to No 265 | |
| | | " | Commercial Code was passed without change as in No 173. | 4/24. |
| | c 272 | " 31 | Registration of property rights of foreigners. Japan is about to send an agent to various Consulates to examine and provide for the Note sent | 4/24 |
| | c 273 | " 31 | Chinese refugee, late Vice Minister of War Kang Yu Wai has left for England via Canada. He was refused letters of introduction by the Legation. | 4/24. |

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| Joseph R Herod, Chargé | 274 | Apl 7 | Passport blanks requested. | 5/4. |
| | 275 | " 8 | Army list of Japan forwarded. Navy list is not for distribution. | 5/4. |
| | 276 | " 10 | Consular jurisdiction, rights and duties. & List of laws rel to arrest of deserters from merchant vessels & | 5/4. |
| | 277 | " 10 | Civil Service rules of Japan, recently issued. | 5/11 |
| | 278 | " 18 | Circular of Mar 11 acknd | 5/11 |
| | 279 | " 18 | Publications, statistics, forwarded | 5/11 |
| | 280 | " 18 | Tobacco. Monopoly law encl'd. Regulations on importation and sale not yet determined | 5/11 |
| | 281 | " 18 | Tariff of Japan. Appendix to Vol. of Treaties sent to the Dep in 1855, encl'd | 5/11 |
| | 282 | " 18 | Commercial Code of Japan will go into operation on June 16. Refers to 173 | 5/11 |
| | 283 | " 20 | Publication Trade Returns forwarded. Improvement in Ld. trade noticed | 5/26. |
| | 284 | " 20 | Supplies. Record books requested. | 5/26. |
| | 285 | " 24 | Passport Circular of Mar 27 acknd | 5/26. |
| | 286 | " 24 | Commercial Code of Japan and appendix transmitted. | 5/26. |
| | 287 | " 24 | Publication Regulations of the Commercial Museum of Tokyo transmitted | 5/26. |
| Huntington Wilson, 2nd Secy Alfred E Buck, Esq. | Tel | " 28 | Leave. Extension of 24 days without pay requested. | 4/28. |
| | 288 | May 1 | Return to post on April 29 and time spent on leave reported. | 5/26. |
| | 289 | " 1 | Note. Appointment of Hunter Sharff as Interpreter and Vice Consul at, recommended | 5/26. |
| | 290 | " 1 | Difficulty of the American Board of Foreign Missions with the Doshisha University at Kyoto has been adjusted; Encl's letters from the Mission thanking Hon Buck for unofficial and effective assistance | 5/26. |
| | 291 | " 1 | Pension laws of Japan. Translation of, encl'd | 5/26. |
| | 292 | " 9 | Same subject. Tables of computation encl'd. | 6/3 |
| | 293 | " 10 | Pardon, conditional, of John Kelly the only American Convict now in Consular Jails of Japan recommended. Reasons given and precedent cited. | 6/3. |
| | 294 | " 11 | Collision between Jap Warvessel "Amagi Kan" and Pacific Mail SS "City of Peking". Encl's note of Chargé Herod presenting the claim of the Co. for the | 6/3. |
| | 295 | " 12 | Philippines. Insurrection of Japan between insurgents and the Ld. limited at, in interview by Hon for FA. | 6/3. |
| | 296 | " 22 | Consular jurisdiction. Cessation of, under new treaty. Gt Britain could only secure continuance of same, in cases pending at the time when her treaty goes into effect. Protocol encl'd, suggests that under treaty Japanese Courts should be made to assume jurisdiction and take charge of prisoners. | 6/14 |
| | 297 | " 22 | Sig acknd | 6/14 |
| Huntington Wilson 2nd Secy Alfred E Buck, Esq. | — | " 22 | Departure for post this day reported. | 6/26 |
| | 298 | " 26 | Sig acknd | 7/3. |
| | 299 | " 26 | Tobacco. Trade with Japan. The Japs govt has already established a monopoly but will largely buy in the Ld | 7/3. |
| | 300 | " 27 | Newspapers for legation. Continuation of, requested | 7/3 |
| | 301 | June 6 | Circular of May 2 acknd | 7/3 |
| | 302 | " 6 | Sig acknd | 7/3 |
| | 303 | " 6 | Sig acknd | 7/3 |
| | 304 | " 6 | Sig acknd | 7/3 |
| | 305 | " 6 | Absence from post during the summer in the mountains. Reports his intended | 7/3 |
| | — | " 6 | Publication Report of Dep of Education transmitted. | 7/3 |
| | 306 | " 6 | Civil Code of Japan Vol II. transmitted. | 7/3 |
| | 307 | " 12 | Neutrality. Report in encl'd ltr. from Ld. Con. at Hongkong that arms had been shipped to Philippines from Tokyo has been investigated by Jap Govt and found untrue. | 7/10. |
| | 308 | " 16 | Treaty rights under French Treaty will be extended to American citizens until said treaty expires on Aug 4. Reply to 283. | 7/10. |
| | 309 | " 16 | Chicago Report has been sent to Director of the Mint | 7/10. |
| | 310 | " 17 | Treaties of Japan. Decree putting the, in force, on July 16 encl'd; the treaties with France and Austria will not go into effect until Aug 4. | 7/ |
| | 311 | " 20 | Foreign Companies, firms and individuals. Ordinances affecting. Encl'd | 7/ |
| | 312 | " 23 | Diplomatic and Consular Service of Japan. New regulations encl'd | 7/26 |
| | 313 | " 29 | Arrival of Second Secretary H Wilson, on June 27, reported. | 7/ |
| | 314 | " 30 | Sent of Dep's ltr. of June 28 | 7/ |

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| Alfred E Buck, Esq. Min. | 315 | June 30 | Tariff of Japan. Corrected issue of the, encl'd | 7/7 |
| | 316 | " 30 | Copy right laws will be enforced from July 15. Ordinance encl'd | 7/26. |
| | 317 | " 30 | Tonnage dues laws will go into effect on Augt. Ordinance encl'd | 7/26 |
| | 318 | " 30 | Customs laws will go into effect on Augt. Ordinance encl'd | 7/26. |
| | 319 | " 30 | Educational system and progress in Japan Paper entitled by R E Lewis, to am'd with a suggestion that it be publisished by Com'r of Education. | 8/3 |
| | 320 | July 7 | Collision between Pacific Mail SS Co's City of Peking and Japanese Warship "Amagi Kan" Jap. Navy Dept claims that both vessels were at fault and is now endeavoring to effect a compromise with the Co. Reply to 230 | 8/3 |
| | Tel | " 6 | Prisoners in Consular Courts. "Jap. Min of F.A. has informed me H M's Govt will decline to execute Consular Court judgments. Kelly will be released July 17th unless removed or pardoned by them." | 7/7 |
| | 321 | " 7 | Same subject. Confirms above, regrets that Attorney did not take the course suggested in #293 and encl's note from Min for FA | 8/3 |
| | 322 | " 7 | Registration of lands. Consuls, at request (encl'd) of Jap Govt have been instructed to turn their registers over to Japanese authorities. | 8/3. |
| | 323 | " 7 | Treaties. Operation of the new. Encl's press comments and texts of Imp. rescripts. | 8/3 |
| | 324 | " 7 | Customs Regulations and schedule of fees encl'd | 8/3 |
| | 325 | " 11 | Treaties. Operation of the new. Notice issued by legation recommending proper observation of the, by american citizens. | 8/3 |
| | 326 | " 12 | Same subject. Above notice generally commended by natives and foreign as well as Japanese authorities. | 8/3 |
| | 327 | " 12 | Same subject. Regulations rel. to weights, residential reports and property of deceased aliens. | 8/3. |
| | 328 | " 15 | Tobacco. Purchases of, by Jap Govt, will largely be made in the US through appointed agents of the monopoly. Encl's newspaper clipping. Refers to #299. | 8/10. |
| | 329 | " 15 | Ports opened to foreign Commerce. List of, under the new treaties; such ports to be closed if business falls below $5000 year. | 7/10. |
| | 330 | " 17 | Consular Jurisdiction and conditional pardon of Kelly. Jap Govt insists that the Japanese courts are not to carry out decisions or unfinished business of Consular Courts. John Kelly was released this day. Notes Encl'd Refers to alleged tel. of July 6 | 7/10. |
| | 331 | " 17 | Volunteers of the US. Complimentary remarks on the behavior and appearance of the, returning from Manila through Yokohama. Encl's clipping from Jap. Daily Mail | 8/10. |
| | 332 | " 17 | Repairs and furniture. Allowance of $800 for, requested. | 8/10. |
| | 333 | | None written | |
| | 334 | " 19 | Consular Jurisdiction. Reports interview with the Counselor of the FO. who made it appear that refusal reported in #330 was for fear that other Govts would claim the same favor. | 8/10. |
| | — | " 19 | Furniture and archives. Schedule of. encl'd | 8/10. |
| | 335 | " 20 | Absence from Tokyo at Chuzenji for two months will begin July 21. | 8/21 |
| | 336 | " 20 | Copyright agreement with Japan. Recommends the signing of a | |
| | | " | Industrial property and Copyright International Conventions. Japan has acceded to the | 8/21. |
| Joseph H Heard, Secy Alfred E Buck, Esq. Min. | — | " 21 | Leave of 60 days, to visit China in October, requested. | 8/21 |
| | 337 | " 28 | #232 ack'd: it was answered in #330. | 8/21 |
| | 338 | " 29 | Laws and regulations affecting foreigners encl'd; | 8/21. |
| | 339 | Aug. 3 | War in the Philippines. Refering to tel. July 25, says Japanese Govt has no objection to landing and pasturing horses for US Army, as desired | 8/28 |
| | 340 | " 3 | Kobe, vice Consulate at. Ack's Inst. 233 | 8/28 |
| | 341 | " 4 | War in the Philippines. Confirms tel. inst. Aug. 2 and his reply that Jap Govt consents to landing 100 horses | 8/28 |
| | Tel | " 3 | Same subject. "At my request Japanese Govt has given consent to land horses." | 8/ |
| | Tel | " 6 | Naval Storage Station at Yokohama. Surrender of the, for transfer to the Pacific Mail Company. Refers to Dep't of June, #141, from Consul General, and requests authority by cable to act. Cost of tel's to be paid by the Company. | 8/6. |
| | 342 | " 11 | Regulations affecting foreigners in Japan, Enclosed | 9/7 |
| | 343 | " 11 | Arrests on American Vessels by Japanese police. Encl's report from Consul at Osaka, relates interview with Min for FA who agreed that measures should be taken to stop unwarranted acts of the police and will submit the matter to the Cabinet. Encl's memorandum | 9/7 |

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| Alfred E Buck, Ch'd'A | Tel | Aug 16 | War in the Philippines "Landing horses at Kobe allowed" | 8/16. |
| | 344 | " 18 | Same subject. Text of tels from and to Dept. | 9/16. |
| | 345 | " 14 | Text of tel. to Dep. rel. to transfer of naval storage station. | 9/16 |
| | 346 | " 17 | Sick soldiers of the U.S. in transit at Yokohama Suggests that Navy Dep. issue orders that they be admitted to the Naval Hospital there. Incl letter from Rev. Dr Loomis. | 9/16 |
| | 347 | " 18 | Export duty on tea from Formosa, favoring shipments to Japanese ports. Encl protest of the Amoy Chamber of Commerce and correspondence with U.S. Consul at Tamsui. As American interests rather profit than suffer by the increase, no action will be taken by Legation unless otherwise instructed | 9/16. |
| | 348 | " 28 | Text of Dep't tel. of Aug 26. | 9/23 |
| | 349 | " 29 | Bureau for the Investigation of Matters relating to the Imperial Family has been instituted and Marquis Ito made its head. Press clippings upon the importance thereof encld | 9/23. |
| | Tel | Sept 2 | Wreck of U.S. Transport Morgan City on rocks ninety miles from Kobe reported. Soldiers landed | 9/2. |
| | 350 | " 7 | Same subject. Confirms above and adds particulars of assistance offered and tendered by Japanese authorities and others | 10/14. |
| | Tel. | " 6 | Copyrights. "In view of my dispatch No 336 in respect of copyright, should I carry out your instruction dated of July 25." | 9/6. |
| | 351 | " 8 | Same subjects. Confirms above and explains why it was sent | 10/14 |
| | 352 | " 9 | Consular Regulations of Japan (old) transd. as requested in No 238. | 10/14 |
| | ~ | " 18 | Inspr (Anthony Pollock). Circular of Aug 11 has been given to Jap Govt | 10/14. |
| | 353 | " 18 | Cable between U.S. and Japan Text of Dep't tel. Min for Fd appears well disposed | 10/14. |
| | 354 | " 18 | School regulations of Japan. Encls No 241. Complaint of the American Board F.M. against. Reports upon the effect of the, on free schools, which are given absolute liberty but are restricted from certain privileges for their pupils. No representation has yet been made in view of the liberal tendency traced by the Govt | 10/14. |
| | 355 | " 20 | Alliance between China and Japan. Min. for Fd neither denies nor affirms rumors of an. Chinese Commission have left, but negotiations are believed to be going on. Rec | 10/20 |
| | 356 | " 22 | Return to Tokyo from the Country on Sept 16. reported | 10/20 |
| | 357 | " 22 | Copyright Complaint of the Amer Book Company in No. 245. There is no redress until a copyright Convention be signed. Refers to Disp No 336 and 351. | 10/20 |
| | ~ | " 20 | Meeting of Military Surgeons at Kansas City. Japan cannot send delegates. | 10/20 |
| | 358 | " 27 | Extradition of Alba Instient. He has been taken in custody in accordance with cable of Sept 21. | 10/20 |
| | 359 | " 27 | Corporations, trusts and monopolies. Report by 2nd Secy Wilson and laws bearing on the question transmitted. Reply to Dis of July 22 | 10/20 |
| | 360 | Oct 3 | No 247 acknd | 10/27 |
| | 361 | " 3 | Courtesies to U.S. volunteers in Japan were many but unofficial. Statements in San Francisco Chronicle with No 248 are mistaken. | 10/27 |
| | 362 | " 3 | No 249 acknd. | 10/27 |
| Joseph R Herod, Secy<br>Alfred E Buck, Ch'd'A. | | " 4 | Departure on leave (for China) will be made this day. | 10/27 |
| | 363 | " 4 | Same subject Confirms the above | 10/27 |
| | 364 | " 4 | Registration tax of 2½% on transfers of perpetual leases in foreign settlements, and changing of the title to one of "superficies" Encl's note representing that these are contrary to the Treaty and to equity. Instr requested in the event of unfavorable reply | 10/27 |
| | 365 | " 6 | Same subject. Explains that under Jap law the land under a lease is not considered to include the structures upon it and that therefore he only objects to the tax on the land itself | 10/30 |
| | 366 | " 9 | Damage to legation premises by typhoon of Oct 1st supported. | 11/7 |
| | 367 | " 13 | Arrests on American vessels by Japanese police. Orders have been issued to prevent unnecessary. Refers to No 343. | 11/7 |
| | 368 | " 13 | Political. Diet has been convoked for Nov 20. Liberal gains at recent elections will give that party a plurality. | 11/7 |
| | 369 | " 19 | Ships offered for the transportation of U.S. troops by the Tanimichi SS Co. Description of encld | 11/13 |
| | 370 | " 20 | Quarantine laws and regulations of Japan, transmitted | 11/13 |
| | ~ | " 18 | Publication List of Merchant Vessels of Japan. transmitted | 11/13 |
| | 371 | " 30 | Monopoly of tobacco in Japan Text of Dep's tel, a note will be sent in accordance | 11/20 |
| | 372 | Nov. 6 | Text of Dep't tel. of Oct 30. | 11/2 |
| | 373 | " 7 | Trust for educational purposes desired by the American Baptist Missionary Union. Encl's letter and articles; Jap Govt will not recognize it under its laws, and the Treaty is silent | |

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| Alfred E Buck. Ch'ge d'Aff. | 374 | Nov. 7 | Copyright Reciprocal. Noresly yet rec'd to Circ. of July 25; will ascertain whether arrangement similar to that with Germany can be made Repts 255 | 12/2 |
| | 375 | " 7 | Extradition of Alba McKent Jr has been formally requested | 12/2 |
| | 376 | " 13 | Land leases of Geo. W Lake. Consul at Nagasaki reports that he & Lake has taken no step toward bringing his case before Japanese courts and that the allegation in 252 that they will not entertain said case is based upon a misstatement of a Jap. lawyer. | 12/7 |
| | Tel | " 19 | Monopoly of tobacco. Japanese Govt is still undecided in regard to working the, and regrets being unable to answer inquiry of Am. Tobacco Co as to indemnity. | 11/9 |
| Joseph R. Herod, Secy | ~ | " 23 | Return to post on Nov. 15th reported. | 12/16 |
| Alfred E Buck. Ch'ge d'Aff. | 377 | " 23 | Monopoly of tobacco. Confirms tel. of Nov 19 and Enc's note from Min for FA | 12/16 |
| | 378 | " 23 | Political. 14th Sess. of the Diet opened on Nov 22 by the Emperor in person | 12/16 |
| | 379 | " 23 | Assistance to shipbuilders. Japan has already given the contract for a few small boats to British firms and will not build any more in the near future | 12/16 |
| | 380 | " 23 | Secretary of legation Herod returned on the 15th | 12/16 |
| | 381 | " 24 | "257 acted | 12/16 |
| | ~ | " 24 | Thanksgiving. Enc's notice issued by the Legation | 12/16 |
| | 382 | " 27 | Death of Vice Govt Tokiwa. Reports action of the legation upon learning the. | 1/3 |
| | 383 | " 27 | Extradition of Alba McKent Jr. He sailed for San Francisco on Nov 25 in charge of officers. | 1/3 |
| | Tel | " 29 | China "Open door" policy. Transmits request of Min for FA for information concerning negotiations of the US Govt with European Powers. | 11/30 |
| | 384 | " 30 | Same subject. Confirms above and reports interview with Min for FA. | 1/3 |
| | 385 | Dec 5 | Consular Court Regulations in force in Japan. Transmitted. | 1/3 |
| | 386 | " 11 | Cable between Japan and the US. Proposition submitted by the Pacific Cable Co. is approved in principle and formal negotiations will be entered into as soon as the Co is granted a charter by the Govt. Refers to 382 Tel. of Sept 7 and Enc's correspondence | 1/3 |
| | 387 | " 11 | Philippine Com'n report asked | 1/3 |
| | 388 | " 16 | Cooperation of American capital with Japanese trade and interests in China and Korea desired by Min for FA. The desire is believed to be prompted by anticipation of difficulties with Russia in those countries. | 1/13 |
| | 389 | " 19 | Naval Attaché. Efficient services of Lt A.S. Key make it desirable that it be continued in his duties. Has also discharging in part the duties of a military attaché. | 1/13 |
| | 390 | " 21 | Religions. Bill regulating the practice of, while apparently unnecessary, is liberal and will likely become a law. Text Encld | 1/20 |
| | 391 | " 28 | China "Open door" policy in. Japanese Govt will give its assent to any proposal that is accepted by the other Powers. Note Encd | 1/20 |
| | 392 | " 29 | Registration tax. Law has been amended so as to permit perpetual leases in foreign settlements to be registered without charge. Tax of 2½% will be collected on mortgages and other liens, but not on assignments. Enc's ordinance. Reply to 260 | 1/20. |
| | 393 | 1900 Jan 3 | Facilities for Fish Com'n. SS "Albatross" have been requested as noted in "265 | 2/6. |
| | 394 | " 12 | Registration tax. Refers to "392 and explains that requirement that perpetual leases be registered at Govt instead of Registration Office was to make it possible to omit the charge of 2½% levied by law. | 2/6 |
| | 395 | " 15 | Facilities for Fish Com'n. SS "Albatross" have been granted. Refers to "393. | 2/21 |
| | ~ | " 16 | US troops in Yokohama. By an exceptional courtesy, the 14th Infantry was allowed to land and drill and made a most favorable impression. | 2/21 |
| | 396 | " 23 | Land for educational purposes refused to the Baptist Missionary Union. Reports interview with Min for FA. who finds that the law forbids recognition of a foreign corporation but that the end in view may be attained by representatives of the Union forming a corporation in and under the law of Japan. Enc's various legal opinions on the subject to 266 | 2/21 |
| | 397 | " 26 | Right to hold property is denied to foreigners so far as land is concerned; movable property and buildings can be owned. Question in Inc. 267 is fully discussed in his "396. | 2/21 |
| | ~ | " 30 | Maps for the Isthmian Canal Com'n forwarded | 2/21 |
| | 398 | Feb. 5 | Registration of perpetual leases. Protest of foreign residents in Yokohama against the ordinance which allows the, under the name of superficies, and not absolute and reply of the legation thereto submitted to the Dept. | 2/28 |
| | 399 | " 6 | Extradition Expenses (Alba Mc. Kent Jr) Bill of, Encd. | 2/28 |

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| Alfred E. Buck, Esq. Actg. | Tel. | Feb. 10 | Cable between Luzon and Formosa. Concessions to be removed in Dec 1902 if other Govts. consent prevent the cooperation of Japan in laying it; also operation by Japan herself of any cable from Formosa | 3/10. |
| | H000 | " 12 | Same subject Confirms above and Am's note from Min for Fd. | 3/9 |
| | H01 | " 20 | Religious bill, no 390, was defeated by 131 to 100 in the House of Revs. | 3/19 |
| | H02 | " 20 | Trip of Prince Hsiang to Europe, was started on Feb. 17. | 3/19. |
| | H03 | " 20 | Cable between the US and Japan. Resolution in favor of, has been introduced in the Lower House. Text sent. | 3/19 |
| | H04 | " 21 | Passport application of A. M. Tracy Woodward, born in South Africa of American parents and who has never resided in the US. Submitted | 3/19. |
| | H05 | " 22 | Powder sent to the Filipinos in Japanese Steamer "Inabibi-maru" wrecked off the Chinese Coast. Am's correspondence with Min for Fd. who denies any knowledge of contraband of war. | 3/19. |
| | Tel. | " 22 | Leave for Secretary of Legation Herod, whose wife is ill in California, requested | 3/22 |
| | H06 | " 22 | Confirms above | 3/19 |
| | — | " 23 | Answers returns will be sent directly to the Answers office by the Japanese Govt | 3/19 |
| | H07 | " 26 | Text of Dep's tel. of Feb. 24. | 3/28. |
| | H08 | Mar 2 | Cable privileges in Japan. Am's note from Min for Fd. giving information as to Concession to the Great Northern Telegraph Co. is believed to contain some articles and will probably not be given. Dec 249. | 3/8 |
| | — | " 3 | Betrothal of the Crown Prince to Princess Sadako reported. | 3/28. |
| | H09 | " 3 | Fisheries in Saghalien. Russian regulations conferring privileges to Russian subjects to the detriment of Japanese, are met by a Japanese ordinance imposing extraordinary and variable duties on fish; neither side has yet enforced its measures. | 3/28. |
| | H10 | " 3 | Political. 13th Session of the Diet closed on Feb 24. Review of its work | 3/28. |
| | H11 | " 13 | Naval Etiquette. Question of, between Russian Vice Admiral and Capt Longnecker of the USS "New Orleans", over the latter's neglect to fire the usual salute on his arrival at Nagasaki. Explanation that the Am'n officer had to wait until he knew whether the national salute would be responded to, is not accepted by the Russian legation as satisfactory. Corres. Encl. | 4/6 |
| | H12 | " 13 | Death of Consul General Gowey of Yokohama reported. | 4/6 |
| | H13 | " 13 | Departure of Sec'y Herod on leave was made on Dec 6. | 4/6. |
| | Tel. | " 18 | Cable between Guam and Japan. Do existing concession to prevent the US alone or in conjunction with the Govt of Japan connecting Guam island by cable with the Empire of Japan | 3/18 |
| | H14 | " 20 | Same subject. Confirms above; if cable is landed, Japan will claim control in her territory. | 4/11 |
| | H15 | " 29 | 273 acted. | 3/23. |
| | H16 | " 30 | Touch of the legation, will, if desired, be mailed by any of the Steamship lines sailing for Japan | 4/13 |
| | H17 | Apl 7 | Land tenure of Americans under new treaties. Lays before the Department four complaints of perpetual lease holders against requirements and operation of various ordinances, discusses them at length, and Am's do's and newspaper articles. | 5/10. |
| | — | " 13 | Extradition Expenses (alba Dist Court for) Account & Vouchers encl. | 5/10. |
| Joseph R Herod, Secy | Tel | " 15 | Arrival in the US. Regret serious illness in family has delayed arrival home or Washington. Permanent address 1427 North Meridian, Indianapolis. | 4/15 |
| Alfred E. Buck, Esq. Actg. | H18 | " 16 | Thanks of War Dep. in No. 276 have been conveyed | 5/10. |
| | H19 | " 23 | Naval Etiquette. Adl. Watson is of opinion that Capt Longnecker was derelict in not ascertaining from other officers what the usage of the port was, and in not explaining his delay at once to the Russian officers. He writes that Capt L is reported deranged in mind and hopes that Russian Adl will consider incident reported in No 411 closed. Am's corres. with Adl Watson | 5/16 |
| | H20 | " 23 | Thanks of Navy Dep. have been conveyed as directed in No 277. | 5/16 |
| | H21 | " 23 | China Open door policy in. Am's note informing Japan Govt of replies rec'd to protests also offered | 5/16 |
| | H22 | " 23 | 279 acted. | 5/16. |
| | H23 | " 30 | Betrothal of the Crown Prince. Congratulations in No 281 have been expressed | 5/24 |
| | H24 | May 9 | Income Tax. Missionaries' liability to the Japanese, is disputed by some on the grounds that their incomes are derived from the US; others agree with the legation that there is no ground in law or policy on which to refuse payment. Am's corres. with Rev Jos W. Daughty and Income Tax Regulations published in the Jap Daily Mail. | 6/4. |
| | — | " 9 | Newspapers for legation. Continuance of, requested. | 6/4. |
| | — | " 9 | Census Statistics transmitted. | 6/4 |
| | H25 | " 11 | Plague Information requested in Dis. 275 has been promised but may not be ready for some time to come. | |

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| Alfred E Buck: Ch'd'A. | H26 | May 11 | Judiciary of Japan. Inefficiency of the Cts and comments upon a report of a Special Committee; judges are underpaid and command no respect. | 6/4 |
| | H27 | " 11 | Betrothal of the Crown Prince was for the first time solemnized with impressive ceremonies, marking a portentous departure from ancient usage; Enc's Ord'ce regulating marriages in the Imperial family, and covers. with FO | 6/4 |
| | — | " 18 | Tea samples by mail. Free entry into the US. Upon the advice of a reliable firm, the postal authorities have been informed that limit weight had been raised to 3 oz. | 6/11 |
| | H28 | " 18 | Emigration of Japanese to the US is not countenanced by the Govt. Min for FA. is taking steps to prevent evasion of US. immigration laws in Japan and desires that they be strictly applied to Japanese immigrants in the US. | 6/11 |
| | H29 | " 23 | Consular jurisdiction. Jap Govt is willing to extend to US. Consular officers the benefits of the Convention between Germany and Japan, on condition of reciprocity and by means of a simple declaration. Encs German Convention and declaration between France and Brazil extending to each country the benefit of the Consular Convention with Italy | 6/18 |
| | H30 | " 24 | Naval Etiquette. Encs. "284 and ventures the opinion that Rear Adl Watson may have made unnecessary apologies | 6/18. |
| | H31 | " 29 | Leave to visit the US in September requested | 6/25 |
| | H32 | " 30 | Kobe Application has been made for the recognition of Vice Consul Sharp | 6/25 |
| | H33 | " 30 | "289 acctd) | 6/25. |
| | H34 | June 1 | China. Open door policy in Jap. Govt. observes that Germany Russia and France merely promise equal treatment to all nations and do not correspond to the proposals of the US. as to non. interference with existing Chinese treaties; it requests views of the US. Govt. Notes Enc's. | 6/25. |
| | H35 | " 1 | Pouches. Ack's "287 and asks whether they may be sent via Vancouver. | 6/25. |
| | H36 | " 9 | Railroad Stock may be owned by foreigners. | 6/3 |
| | — | " 14 | Leave of absence granted. Extension of 60 days without pay requested. | 6/16 |
| | — | " 19 | Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World, 1899 - Ack's Inst. May 24 with Treasury letter May 15 for suggestions. Information will be furnished upon receipt by him of Dept of Dir. of the Mint. | 7/14. |
| | H37 | " 19 | Yokohama. Ack's Inst "290 with commission of L C. Bellows as Cons. Gen. at - Exequatur has been applied for - | 7/14. |
| | H38 | " 19 | Appointment of Mr. Kogoro Takahira as successor to Mr. Komura. Expatiates on Minister's former services and felicitous selection, and incloses record obtained from Foreign Office. | 7/14. |
| | Tel. | " 19 | China - uprising in - "Five Japanese war vessels are at Taku - 600 men landed. Two transports with 1300 men 300 horses sailed to day. Japanese Govt in anticipation of the necessity is prepared to send additional forces | 6/20 |
| | H39 | " 19 | Confirms above tel. and depicts the anxiety of the Jap. govt in the developing conflict. | 7/14. |
| | H40 | " 23 | Land Claim of Gen. Wolcott. Encs correspondence of Consul at Nagasaki with the Govt and the Legation, rel to proceeds of sale received by him without liability to the US. | 7/21 |
| | Tel | " 23 | China. Uprising in. "The Jap. Govt, in view of the very critical situation of the combined forces at Taku and Tientsin, desiring to conform its course to that of other Powers specially interested, requests to be informed what measures they will immediately take to meet the situation. Official information is requested as above of interested Powers through their representatives there." | 6/23 |
| | H41 | " 26 | Same subject. Text of Dispatch of June 22; it has been given to Jap Govt | 7/21 |
| | H42 | " 26 | Same subject. Confirms his tel. of June 23: it is substantially a copy of a memo of the Jap Govt handed to all legations. | 7/21 |
| | Tel | " 28 | Same subject "Jap Govt is ready and about to send immediately twelve thousand additional men to Taku." | 6/29 |
| | H43 | " 29 | Same subject. Confirms above; fund of 50,000,000 yen for operations in China provided | 7/21 |
| | H44 | " 29 | Income Tax. Attempt to collect from officers and inmates of Naval Hospital at Yokohama. Encs correspondence; Jap. Govt has not yet made its decision known | 7/21 |
| | Tel. | " 30 | China. Uprising in. "I have no information of any combination or scheme for the future government of China. Jap. Min for FA. claims he has none. He expresses strong desire of Japan for an understanding and cooperation with the US and Gt Britain in respect to the future of China, because their interests and purposes presumably are the same. I have reason to believe that the Jap Govt is suspicious of the purposes of Russia, though cooperating now." | 7/1 |
| | Tel | July 1 | Discriminating Quarantine on Japanese in the US. Complaint of the Min for FA against it. Transmitted | 7/2 |
| | H45 | " 3 | Same subject. Confirms above and reports useful action taken | 7/18. |

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| Alfred E. Buck, Esq. | H46 | July 5 | Land leases of Geo. W. Lane. The case referred to in Dis. 35 of 1897, has been decided against the heirs who have appealed: decision was based on action of Consul Allen in 1894, and a request that such action be not considered at court was denied. | 7/25. |
| | H47 | " 6 | Text of Dep's tel. of July 3. | 7/18. |
| | Tel | " 5 | China Uprising in. Telegram fourth (3d) of July communicated. Do not quite satisfactory. Japn Min for FA. telegraphs Jap. Gen. Staff for further information | 7/21. |
| | H48 | " 6 | Same subject. Text of tels from & to Dept | 7/28. |
| | Tel | " 2 | Stranding of the USS. Oregon. "Jap. Govt has ordered cruiser to the assistance of the Oregon." | 7/3. |
| | H49 | " 6 | Same subject. Text of tels to & from Dept | 7/28. |
| | H50 | " 6 | Land tenure of American citizens under the new Treaty. Refers to Dis H17 and encls memorandum on the question by H. W. McIvor and discusses the same | 7/28. |
| | Tel | " 6 | China Uprising in. "Japanese Govt has ordered altogether about 22000 men to China | 7/7. |
| | H51 | " 13 | Same subject. Confirms above; more troops will be sent if required. | 8/10. |
| | Tel | " 13 | Same subject. "Requests respecting unloading and transshipment of military stores and passengers at Japanese ports granted. Every possible facility will be given." | 7/13. |
| | H52 | " 13 | Same subject. Confirms above | 8/10. |
| | | " 18 | Furniture Schedule of Legation saved | 8/7 |
| | H53 | " 19 | Income tax. Attempt to collect from officers and inmates of Naval Hospital has been quietly dropped. Refers to H44. | 8/17 |
| | H54 | " 20 | 291 cases). | 8/17 |
| | H55 | " 21 | Absence from Tokyo at Lake Chuzenji reported. 2d Secy in constant attendance at legation | 8/17 |
| | Tel | " 22 | China Uprising in. "Ministers for FA. considers through a Chinese minister and Yen Hsi Kwai, military governor Shantung likely method communication Getting He suggests that solemn warning telegraphed by Head of the Ld. himself to Chinese Emperor would be exceedingly efficacious, placing great reliance upon such presence Aoki considers slight change discernable situation probably partly due Japanese Emperor's tel. also still ignorant whether it reached destination, and to fall of Tientsin." | 7/22. |
| | H56 | " 22 | Same subject. Reports interview above condensed; Min for FA. denies rumor of secret treaty between Japan and China and complains of attitude of European troops, especially Russian and German, toward Japanese soldiers. | 8/17 |
| | H57 | " 23 | Same subject. Confirms his tel. of July 22 | 8/23. |
| | H58 | " 24 | Same subject. Text of Dep's tel. of July 18. | 8/23. |
| | H59 | " 24 | Same subject. Text of Dep's tel. of July 21. | 8/23. |
| | H60 | " 24 | Same subject. Text of Dep's tel. of July 24. | 8/23. |
| | Tel. | " 28 | Same subject. Transshipment of supplies at Nagasaki. "Jap. Min. for FA. declares Nagasaki officials have been instructed to facilitate landing stores for re-shipment duty free. Any misunderstanding will be corrected immediately." | 7/28. |
| | H61 | " 29 | Same subject. Confirms above and reports interview with Min for FA. who expresses regret at apparent misunderstanding. | 8/23. |
| | Tel | Aug 1 | Same subject. Cable between Shanghai and Tatsu. "In the event of the acceptance of the proposal by the Powers interested, Jap. Govt is prepared to cooperate to lay military tel. cable. Reply is above. Min for FA. inquires whether the proposition was not made Austro Hungn. Empire; and he would be pleased to receive on behalf of his Govt further details of scheme as soon as convenient." | 8/1. |
| | H62 | " 1 | Same subject. Text of tels from and to Dept | 9/3 |
| | Tel. | " 4 | Repairs to USS. "Oregon". Permission permanently repairing Oregon "Kure impossible Japanese ships require all their docks." | 8/4. |
| | H63 | " 5 | Same subject. Confirms above and transmits regrets of Jap. Govt | 9/3. |
| | H64 | " 6 | China. Landing of Amn. to Tientsin under this agreement. Dept's tel of Aug 1 has been given to and thankfully received by the Japanese Govt. Text confirmed. | 9/3. |
| | H65 | " 9 | Same subject. Dept's tel. rel to participation of Austria in laying of cable has been given to Japanese Govt | 9/3. |
| | Tel. | " 10 | Same subject. Dept rel to measures for the safety of Ministers. "Jap. Min for FA. expresses thanks for the information contained in your tel. in respect to Ministers leaving Peking. Jap. Government takes similar position." | 8/10. |
| | H66 | " 10 | Same subject. Text of tels from and to Dept | |

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| Alfred E. Buck, Esq. | Tel. | Aug 10. | China - Command in Chief of united forces. "I have private information that the Emp. of Germany has proposed to the Emp. of Japan that a German General be placed in command of the allied forces in China. I have reason to think the proposition has not received a favorable consideration." | 9/10 |
| | 467 | " 10 | Same subject. Confirms above | 9/13. |
| | - | " 10 | Type writing machine requested | 9/13 |
| | 468 | " 10 | Plague. Method of combating the, in Japan. Dr's pub. requested in Ins. 2/5 | 9/13. |
| | 469 | " 13 | Emigration of Japanese to Rd. and Canada temporarily prohibited. | 9/10 |
| | - | " | Discrimination against Jap. in sanitary measures in California and Colorado. Reply made to Jap. legation is not satisfactory | 9/10. |
| | 470 | " 16 | China. Proposals of Li Hung Chang. Text of Sept. tel. rel. to; it has been given to Jap. Govt. who had received a similar communication. | 9/10. |
| | Tel. | " 14 | Same subject. Commander in Chief of united forces. "Japan has agreed to German commander in the belief that he will not arrive in time." | 8/14. |
| | 471 | " 16 | Same subject. Confirms above. | 9/10 |
| | Tel | " 16 | Same subject. "Permission to establish temporary hospital will be granted on selection of site" | 8/16. |
| | 472 | " 16 | Same subject. Text of tels from and to Dept. | 9/10. |
| | 473 | " 16 | Consular jurisdiction. Doubts that Art XV of the Treaty will confer upon Rd. Consuls the rights and privileges conceded to Germany by a reciprocal convention. Gt Britain and the Netherlands have concluded separate conventions. Refers to 296. | 9/10. |
| | 474 | " 17 | Sympathy of Emperor and Empress for the american sick wounded in Yokohama. Reports lowering of | 9/10. |
| | Tel | " 16 | Duties, exorbitant, on whiskey. Min of Finance approves decision of the Comrs; previous shipment was admitted at 40% duty; representations have been made without avail. | 8/25. |
| | 475 | " 17 | Same subject. Text of tels from & to Dept. | 9/10. |
| | 476 | " 20 | Escape of military prisoners from Rd. transports in Japanese ports. Encl letter of Consul at Yokohama to Gen MacArthur calling attention to the, and urging remedy | 9/20. |
| | 477 | " 24 | Peplos (new) Dr. 25 and Holocryptic, received | 9/20 |
| | 478 | " 24 | Circular Ins: of Aug 25 acknd | 9/20. |
| | 479 | " 24 | Duties, exorbitant, on whiskey. Encl record of the case, and again expresses his opinion that an injustice has been done to the American Trading Co. Min of finance however declines to rescind the decision. Refers to tel. of Aug 16 | 9/20 |
| | - | " 25 | Merchant Shipping Lists of Japan transd | 9/20. |
| | Tel. | " 25 | Discriminating quarantine against Japanese. Japs Min for Fn. by official note expresses dissatisfaction that discrimination against Japanese subjects in Colorado in the execution of sanitary measures continues in violation of provisions of the treaty and asks my good offices in presenting at once proper representations to secure the abolition of such discrimin:" | 9/25. |
| | 480 | " 25 | Same subject. Confirms above and Encl's note therein referred to | 9/20 |
| | 481 | " 27 | Jurisdiction on Rd transports. Reports the case of Sudsott, charged with sodomy on a Japanese subject, whose surrender was demanded by Japanese authorities and declined by the legation. Suggests that Scott be punished for the crime in the Rd. | 9/20. |
| | Tel | " 25 | China. Negotiations with Li Hung Chang. Jap Govt has returned a similar reply to that of the U.S. and have asked that the Chinese Govt has given no protection to the foreigners and assisted the insurrectionists; he wishes them to take the initiative in all negotiations. | 9/25. |
| | Tel | " 28 | Same subject. "In regard to subject matter your tel. of the 25th the views of Japan agree with your views. Commander of Japanese Naval Vessels has been instructed by tel accordingly." | 8/28 |
| Joseph R. Herod Secy<br>Alfred E Buck, Esq. Ch'd'A. | Tel | " 29 | Resignation tendered | 9/31. |
| | 482 | Sept 4. | "301 acknd | 9/4 |
| | 483 | " 6 | Duties, exorbitant, on Whiskey. No analysis was made of the samples upon which the American Trading Co. made their subsequent large shipments: analysis of the latter, and entry forms of the former Encl'd. Company complains that they are not allowed to store their whiskey in private warehouses. Reply to tel. | 9/25 |
| | - | " 5 | Jurisdiction on Rd transports" Refers to "481 and Encl report from Consul at Nagasaki, omitted in said despatch. | 9/25. |
| | - | " 6 | China. Russian proposal to evacuate Peking. Dept tel. was mailed on Aug 31st telegraphic communication being interrupted; and cabled in the old ciphers via the Siberian lines, on Sept 5. | 9/25 |

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| Alfred E. Buck. Esq. | 484 | Sept 10 | Fishery Regulations by Russia excluding aliens from the coast of Saghalien have been suspended for one years, in consequence of the retaliatory duty announced by Japan Refers to #409. | 10/6 |
| | 485 | " 11 | Return to Tokyo announced | 10/6 |
| | 486 | " 12 | Duty, Exorbitant, on Whiskey. Encs letter of the American Trading Co preferring a claim for Yen 290624 $^{67}/_{100}$ and requests instructions | 10/6 |
| | 487 | " 12 | Same subject. #305 acknd. | 10/6. |
| | Tel | Sept. 7 | China. Russian proposal to withdraw troops from Pekin is agreed to by Japan Quotes text of the reply | 9/8. |
| | 488 | " 17 | Grants of Army Dept. re Mrs. 307 have been conveyed | 10/5. |
| | 489 | " 17 | Land lease of Geo W Lake. Consul at Nagasaki has been directed to return to the Governor the money held by him, as instructed in #308. | 10/5. |
| | 490 | " 21 | Duty, exorbitant, on whiskey. Repeated tel of Sept 15 has been communicated to Min for F.A. who promises to confer with the Min of Finance on the subject | 10/5. |
| | 491 | " 22 | Korea. Special mission of Cho Pinny Sik for the purpose of securing Japan's guarantee of Korea's integrity and the return of Korean refugees to Korea is not likely to meet with success. | 10/15. |
| | 492 | " 22 | China. Russian proposal to evacuate Pekin has been received in Japan with mingled feeling and opinion is widely divided. the government being for adherence to understanding with Western powers, and a large portion of the people for protection of China and Korea against Western encroachment. Newspaper articles and manifesto of the National Union encl. | 10/15. |
| | 493 | " 23 | Political party founded by Marquis Ito under the name of Constitutional Political Association. Encs Marquis Ito's manifesto and programme, discussed both, and the present and future political complexion of Japan | 10/15. |
| | Tel. | " 14. | Duty on coal for war vessels. "Japanese Govt regrets inability to comply with the request for the importation of coal free of duty to be stored for the Navy." | 9/14. |
| | | " 25 | Same subject. Confirms above, and explains that the law applies to all | 10/15. |
| | Tel. | " 22 | Mails for U.S. troops in China. "Jap Govt decline to accede to the proposition to place clerks at Nagasaki to facilitate transportation of the U.S. mails to China and proposes that on arrival of mail it shall be delivered to the Imp Post office. The latter will deliver to such transports as are authorized to take delivery. Landing, shipping and conveyance so is may be done by the ships officers or other behalf in the discharge of or in taking delivery" | 9/19. |
| | 494 | " 28 | Same subject. Confirms above and Encs memo. from Foreign Office | 10/15. |
| | Tel | " 22 | China. German proposal for the punishment of instigators and leaders of recent outbreak has been accepted by Japan which however perceives difficulties in the way and believes that further exchange of views will be necessary | 9/22. |
| | Tel. | " 24. | Same subject. Russian proposition and negotiations with Chinese plenipotentiaries. Gives substance of Jap's reply to Dept's tel. of Sept 22 | 9/25. |
| | | " 26 | Same subject. Confirms tel of Sept 22 and Encs note verbale from Jap Govt | 10/24 |
| | | " 26 | Same subject. Confirms tel of Sept 24 and Encs note verbale from Jap Govt | 10/24. |
| | Tel | " 23 | Promotion of 2d Secy Wilson to be first Secretary recommended | 10/23. |
| | 495 | " 29 | Income tax on officers and inmates of Naval Hospital. Refs #303; Brit Chargé d'Affaires received the same assurances as reported in #453. | 11/2. |
| | 496 | Oct 3 | Korea. Neutralization of Special Envoy Cho Pinny Sik has approached all foreign representatives to urge the, by foreign powers. | 11/2 |
| | 497 | " 5 | Thanks of Navy Dept in #310 have been conveyed to Jap Govt. | 11/2 |
| | | " 6 | Services of Dr. John D. Jones of the Agriculture Dept. to the Jap Govt. Reports this and the marks of recognition bestowed upon him by the Emperor. | 11/2 |
| | 498 | " 8 | Insurance business. Regulations governing foreign Companies Encs and discussed | 11/2 |
| | 499 | " 10 | Typewriting machine and #311 acknd | 11/9 |
| | Tel | " 16 | Duty, exorbitant, on whiskey. Reports, on reliable information, that the case will be favorably decided if he is permitted to say that if not admitted as whiskey the consignment will be abandoned and a claim presented for damages. | 10/16 |
| | 500 | " 16 | Confirms above. | 11/9 |
| | | " 16 | China. French and German proposals. Text of Japan's replies to the | 11/9 |

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| | NO. | DATE 1900 | SUBJECT. | DATE OF RECEIPT. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alfred E. Buck, E. & M. P. | Tel. | Oct. 18 | Appointment of secretary of Legation "Wilson qualified today". | 10/18 |
| | 501 | " 19 | Same subject - Confirms Dep't tel. 16th Oct. and his 18th. Encl's Wilson's oath of office. | 11/17. |
| | Tel. | " 20 | Political. Reports formation of new Cabinet by Marquis Ito who is Prime Min., Takaaki Kato Min. For. Affairs. | |
| | 502 | " 23 | Same subject. Confirms above tel and names of all members in full. | 11/17. |
| | — | " 26 | Confirms tel. mist. of Oct. 22. Copy has been sent Min. for For. Affs. | 11/27 |
| | 503 | " 29 | Reports to Legation - #317 ack'd. | 11/27. |
| | 504 | " 29 | Duty, discriminating, on electric wires - #320 ack'd. | 11/27. |
| | 505 | " 29 | Secretary of Legation's resignation - #312 ack'd. | 11/27. |
| | 506 | " 29 | Claims of Jap. subjects in Hawaii - #319 ack'd. | 11/27. |
| | 507 | " 29 | Thanks of Navy Dept. for hospitality to U.S.S. "Oregon". #313 ack'd. | 11/27 |
| | 508 | " 29 | Thanks of Pres't. to Emperor and Empress for their interest in the U.S. Mar. Hosp. at Yokohama - #314 ack'd. | 11/27. |
| | 509 | " 31 | Thanks for assistance to U.S. Cons. at Chefoo - #315 ack'd. Appreciation of U.S. has been conveyed. | 11/27. |
| | — | " 31 | Publication "Report on the Post-Bellum Fin. Administration in Japan" by Count M. Matsugata transmitted. | 11/27. |
| | 510 | Nov. 1 | Thanks of Navy Dept. to Jap. Cons. at Chefoo - #322 ack'd. Appreciation has been conveyed | 11/27. |
| | 511 | Oct. 31 | Confirms Dep. tel. of 22d + 24th Oct. and ack's Inst. 316, 318 and 321. | |
| | | — | Duty, excessive, on whiskey - says that on receipt of tel. 22d Oct. he at once requested F.O. to reverse decision, and that a few days later entire Cabinet tendered their resignation, no action being taken in the matter. States confidentially his further sources. Baron Kaneko, the new Min. of Justice, he believes will do his best to procure decision. | 11/27. |
| | 512 | Nov. 2 | Same subject - Confirms tel. Inst. Oct. 31. Favorable decision is hoped for. | 11/27. |
| | 513 | " 2 | Thanks of Navy Dept. for hospitality to U.S.S. "Oregon" - Refers to his #307 and incloses copy of Minister's | 11/27. |
| | — | " 2 | Singapore - illness of R. A. Moseley, U.S. Consul at. Encl's letter from Dr. S. Eldridge, pertaining condition of the Consul who is at the U.S. Marine Hospital, Yokohama. | 11/27. |
| | — | " 5 | Missing numbers 1-6 wanting, Vol. 2, Suppl. to Rev. Stat. U.S. requested for Legation. | 12/3. |
| | 514 | " 9 | Nagasaki - Frank Taylor recognized as U.S. Vice Consul at - #324 ack'd. | 12/3 |
| | 515 | " 17 | Parcel Post Convention between Japan and the U.S. is desired by American residents and could be easily concluded | 12/3 |
| | 516 | " 17 | #325 ack'd. | 12/3 |
| | — | " 19 | Death of U.S. Consul Gen. at Singapore, R. A. Moseley, reported | 12/3 |
| | Tel. | " 20 | Duty, exorbitant, on Whiskey. "Whiskey case decision has not been received. Min. of Finance filed adverse decision at F.O. Nov. 14 and it has been accepted as final not to be revised by the Cabinet. Put in my last note yesterday." | 11/20 |
| | Tel. | " 22 | Same subject. Adverse decision received this day from Min. for Fd. | 11/22 |
| | Tel. | " 23 | Same subject. Decision only expresses views of the Min. of Finance concurred in by the Min for Fd. Appeal to Emperor will be made on his return to the F.O. | 11/23. |
| John M. Ferguson, 2nd Secy. | 517 | " 23 | Same subject. Text of Dep't's tel. of Nov. 21; Legation has spared no effort in the case | 12/19 |
| | — | " 14 | Oath of Office sent | |
| | — | " 27 | Letter of credit returned. Further instructions awaited. | |
| Alfred E. Buck, E. & M. P. | 518 | " 26 | #326 ack'd | 12/19 |
| | — | " 13 | China. Negotiations. Text of Dep't's tel. of Nov. 8; copy has been given to Min for Fd. | 12/19 |
| | 519 | " 26 | #327 ack'd | 12/19 |
| | 520 | " 26 | Text of tels. to & from Dep. from Nov. 20 to 23. | 12/19 |
| | 521 | " 26 | Duty, exorbitant, on Whiskey. Encl's correspondence with Min. for Fd. | 12/19 |
| | — | " 27 | Friendly sentiment toward the U.S. in Japan. Encl's newspaper account of the reception given to Ad. Beardslee, a midshipman in Perry's expedition, and ref. to a project of a memorial monument to Commodore Perry. | 12/19 |
| | — | Dec. 1 | Expulsion from Formosa. Encl's text of regulations applicable to Japanese and foreigners alike. | 12/28. |
| | Tel. | " 11 | Duty, exorbitant, on Whiskey. Property not yet abandoned, instructions requested. | 12/14 |
| | 522 | " 11 | Same subject. Encl's note from Min for Fd. giving reasons for delay in returning answer to Min. Buck's note of Nov. 19. | 12/28 |
| | 523 | " 11 | Consular Jurisdiction. Refers to #173 and encl's text of Convention of April 26, 1900 between Great Britain and Japan | 12/28 |
| | Tel. | " 11 | Coaling Station desired at Samasaki Delet. Claims Japanese hold objects. Full explanation will be given by Japanese Legation at Washington | 12/11 |

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| Alfred E. Buck, E. & M.P. | 524 | Dec. 11 | Coaling Station in China. Text of let. from to Dept.; reports interview with Min for FA. | 1/8. |
| | 525 | " 13. | Midway Islands. Colony of Japanese in. Note has been addressed to FO as inst. in 378. | 1/8. |
| | 526 | " 14. | Land tenure in Japan under the new treaties. Refers to 392, 417 and 450 and Em's note from FO. assuring that rights will not be impaired by failure to effect required registration; legislation to be introduced correcting the defects of present ordinance | 1/8 |
| | Tel | " 14. | Leave of absence "With your permission will avail myself leave of absence in January granted for last September." | 12/14. |
| | 527 | " 19. | 331 acknd | 1/14 |
| | Tel. | " 26. | Leave. "Is there any objection to my leave of absence Jan 8." | 12/26. |
| | Tel | " 28. | Same subject Arrangements have been made for his absence until 8th | 1/22 |
| | | " 26. | Registration of and tax on buildings in foreign settlements. Final decision of Japanese Govt is soon to be announced. Refers to Dept's of April 7 and July 6 and requests instructions. | 1/26. |
| | 528 | " 28. | Same subject. Confirms above, G. Britain, France and Germany will probably protest. | 1/31. |
| | 529 | " 29. | Duty, exhibitants on whiskey. The matter has been laid before the Premier Marquis Ito who expresses interest but holds out no promise of favorable decision | 1/21. |
| | 530 | " 29. | Wills of foreigners in Japan. Law of Japan provides that whenever law of the country so allows, administration will be under Japanese law. Points out inconveniences that may arise from provisions of State laws in regard to wills | 1/21 |
| | 531 | " 31. | Political. Opening and complexion of the Diet. Speech of the Emperor Em'd Resignation of Minister of Communications reported | 1/22. |
| | Tel | 1901 Jan 4. | Filipinos. Negotiations of Acting Consul of Japan with Gen. Trias. Thorough investigation will be made and summary action taken if justified. | 1/4. |
| | | " 5. | Same subject. Text of tels from and to Dept. and of note to Min for FA. | 1/30. |
| | Tel | " 6. | China. Negotiations Transfer of. Jap Min for FA. unofficially expresses the opinion it would be better to negotiate everything in China. Will consult cabinet and communicate their decision to Washington." | 1/6. |
| | 532 | " 7. | Registration of buildings in former foreign settlements. Em's note to Min for FA. reserving rights of US citizens in the light of ordinance limiting time to Dec 31, 1900 and of interpretation given to British legation. | 1/30 |
| | 533 | " 7. | Repairs to legation. Account for the authorized in Ins. 317, Em'd | 1/30 |
| Huntington Wilson, Ch Aff | Tel | " 16. | China. Negotiations. Speedy conclusion is desired by Min for FA who however hesitates to act unsupported. Suggests that fuller expression of views be urged and possibly cooperation at Peking extended. | 1/17. |
| Huntington Wilson, Ch Aff | 534 | " 8. | Departure of Min. Buck for the US this day reported. | 1/30 |
| | 535 | " 21. | Arrival of 2nd Secy Ferguson on this day reported. | 2/7 |
| | — | " 15. | Navigation and emigration laws of Japan Em's law rel to inspection of shipping and regulations affecting foreign vessels and paragraph rel to protection of emigrants. | 2/7 |
| | 536 | " 16. | China. Negotiations in. Confirms Tel. of Jan 16 (above) reports interview with Marquis Ito; discusses at length attitude of Japan as to question and towards Russia's designs in China. | 2/12 |
| | — | " 19. | Oath of office Em'd | 2/12 |
| | 537 | " 29. | Midway Islands. Japan has no intention of advancing a claim to sovereignty over the. Em's notes to and from Min for FA. Reply to 328. | 3/30. |
| | Tel | " 31. | Military Hospital at Nagasaki. Free entry for supplies as requested in tel. of Jan. 25 cannot be granted; understanding of the Japs govt is that military hospital was only for invalids from China and to be abolished upon termination of operations in China. | 2/21. |
| | 538 | " 31. | Same subject. Text of tels from and to Dept. Em's note from Min for FA. stating forth conditions for the temporary establishment of the hospital and telegrams to & from Iwakuma & Hyde | 3/30. |
| | 539 | Tels. 8. | Registration of perpetual leases and buildings thereon. Notes to & from Min for FA and full text of present law Em'd. Attitude of French, German and British representatives on the question and present status of negotiations reported. Bill contemplated in which negotiations can be carried on. The supposed intention is to exempt land from but subject buildings to taxation. | 3/2 |
| | Tel | " 19. | Copyright. Dec. 335 had already been complied with before receipt of Dept's telegram relative to copyright; believes transfer of negotiations will endanger success and awaits instructions. | 2/9 |
| Alfred E. Buck, C & M P<br>John M. Ferguson, 2nd Sec'y | — | " 16. | Arrival at Washington on this day reported. | 2/16 |
| | — | " 5. | Oath of office Em'd | 3/ |

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| Huntington Wilson, Chdaff | 540 | Feb. 19 | Registration of perpetual leases and buildings thereon. Enc's rplies of Jap Govt to notes of Jan 1 and Feb 5. memo. setting forth previous and present conditions in the light of treaties and laws ordinances of Japan; table of comparative value of weights and taxes | 3/12 |
| | 541 | " 20 | Copyright. Status of the question under the laws and treaties of Japan: prospects for a favorable solution thereunder; interviews with Min. and Vice Min. for FA. | |
| | Tel | " 24 | China. Military operations. Japan coincides with views of State Dpt as expressed in S/S's tele of Feb 19 but for the sake of harmony will not take so positive a position; Japanese military Commander will be guided by instructions to the Minister and will not take active part in Count Waldersee's expedition | 3/24 |
| | Tel | " 26 | China. Foreign settlements extension. Jap Govt would have no objection to reserving for general agreement such questions if all other powers consent and with the understanding that only enlargements subsequent to outbreak are referred to | 3/26 |
| | ~ | " 27 | Same subject. Confirms above and encs notes to and from Min. for FA | 3/30. |
| | 542 | " 26 | China. Military operations. Confirms tel. of Feb 24 and encs notes to & from Min for FA | 3/30. |
| | 543 | Mar 4. | Political crisis. Prorogation of the Diet deemed by reason of the opposition of the House of Peers to the bill increasing taxation on spirits & sugar. Political questions discussed and report of proceedings in the House of Peers encd | 3/30 |
| | ~ | " 8 | China. Separate negotiations. Min's tel. of Mar 3 has been delivered to FO | 4/3 |
| | 544 | " 11 | Philippines. Negotiations of Jap Acting Consul at Manila with rebel Gen Trias. Chancellor Hojo declares that the meeting with Trias was purely accidental and that all the propositions made came from the latter's Secretary. He will nevertheless be transferred to another post. Refers to desp of Jan 5 and Enc's notes from Min. for FA. | 4/3 |
| | 545 | " 12 | Copyright. Reports interviews at Foreign Office and Enc's note urging the conclusion of a reciprocal or most favored treatment convention. | 4/3 |
| | 546 | " 16 | Income tax on officers and men on duty at the Marine Hospital at Yokohama. Without engagement for the future and on condition that similar exemption will be enjoyed by Japanese Govt in the U.S., orders have been issued not to collect. Note encd. Refers to desp 544 | 4/8. |
| | 547 | " 18 | *337 acted | 4/8. |
| | 548 | " 19 | Discriminations against Japanese in the U.S. (quarantine incident) and in other countries. Question addressed in the Dept | 4/8. |
| | 549 | " 25 | Assault on Major Mulford, U.S.A. at Kyoto by Jinrikisha men. Legation declines to present claim for damages. Corresp. with Consul at Hiogo encd. | 4/23. |
| Alfred E Buck Et. mil Huntington Wilson. Chdaff | Tel. | " 28 | Heating of legation. Allowance of $2250 requested | 4/28 |
| | ~ | " 26 | Registration of perpetual leases. "Ref to my desp of Feb 8th the Diet have passed a new law recognizing perpetual leases real rights, applying to them code provisions relating to ownership. Unequivocal registration free of charges is provided for leases and for all rights of which lease is the object. There are no indications of the exemption of houses in any way." | 3/26 |
| | 550 | Apl 1 | Same subject. Confirms above, and text of the law and discusses its bearing upon the question; Enc's note on the meaning of the word "fudosan" as applied to real estate and the distinctions under Japanese law between movable & immovable property | 4/30. |
| | 551 | " 4. | Diet of Japan. Closing of the 15th Session reported; review of its work and its differences with the Government | 4/30 |
| | 552 | " 9 | Supplies acknowledged | 4/30 |
| | 553 | " 10 | *340 acted | 4/30. |
| | 554 | " 11 | China. Designs of Russia on Manchuria. Action of the Japanese Govt and public sentiment reported. | 4/30 |
| | 555 | " 20 | Financial budget and laws encld | 5/20. |
| | 556 | " 27 | Complaint of the China Japan Trading Co that a building is erected in front of their land in violation of the lease which describes the land as a frontage lot. Expresses the opinion supported by precedents that the words did not carry a guarantee that no buildings should obstruct the view from the land. | 5/10 |
| | 557 | May 3 | Duty discriminating on electric wires. The question was one of classification and certificate of origin and has been arranged to the satisfaction of the Western Electric Co. and their agent's letter of May 1. Refers 5320 | 6/10. |

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| Alfred E. Buck. E. & M. P. Huntington Wilson, Chargé | — | May 3 | Leave. Extension of 30 days on account of ill health. requested. | 6/13. |
| | — | " 6 | Birth of a son to the Crown Prince of Japan announced | 6/10 |
| | — | " 14 | Publication Trade Statistics from 1868 to 1899 transmitted | 6/10 |
| | 558 | " 17 | Cabinet changes. Resignations of Marquis Ito and Viscount Watanabe Minister of Finance have been accepted by reason of the latter's policy of retrenchment | 6/10 |
| | 559 | " 17 | Filipinos. Negotiations of acting Jap. Consul at Manila with. Encl's note to F.O. declaring the incident satisfactorily closed as directed in Ins. 344. | 6/10 |
| | 560 | " 18 | Income tax on U.S. Employes at the Manne Hospital of Yokohama. Encl's note to F.O. in accordance with Ins. 346. | 6/10 |
| | 561 | " 20 | 343 acted | 6/10 |
| | 562 | " 20 | San American Exposition. Reports action on Ins. 341; Tokio authorities have declined to comply with request of the Agent of the Japanese Village Co | 6/10 |
| | 563 | " 20 | Copyright. Encl's correspondence with Japanese Govt. present status is not favorable. but successful issue may be hoped for through persistent efforts. | 6/10 |
| | 564 | " 28 | Same subject. Suggests the sending of a strong cable instruction. | 6/10 |
| Alfred E. Buck. E. & M. P. Huntington Wilson. Chargé | — | " 18 | Newspapers for legation. N.Y. Tribune and San Francisco Chronicle requested | 6/10 |
| | 565 | " 28 | Filipinos. Negotiations of Acting Jap. Consul at Manila with. Refs to 559 and encl's note from F.O. expressing gratification at the closing of the incident | 6/28 |
| | 566 | June 3 | Cabinet changes. Names and political standing of the new Ministers; stability of the new ministry doubtful; Encl's speech of Marquis Ito to his party followers | 6/28 |
| Alfred E. Buck. E. & M. P. | 567 | " 10 | Return to post on June 9 reported | 7/5. |
| | — | " 28 | Assassination of Hoshi Toru, former Minister to the U.S. reported | 7/10. |
| | — | " 15 | Baggage of passengers. Customs regulations concerning the visitation of Encl's | 7/13 |
| | — | " 17 | Military attaché at Washington. Appoint. of Lt Col Watanabe reported. | 7/13 |
| | 568 | " 20 | Financial conditions. Issuance of exchequer notes and general stringency of the money market reported. | 7/13 |
| W. E. Wood, Military Attaché R. S. Miller, Interpreter Alfred E. Buck, E. & M. P. | — | July 5 | Rent of office. Asks how he is to procure the $30 allowed monthly. | 7/10 |
| | — | " 3 | Leave of 60 days to visit the U.S. requested | 7/23 |
| | — | " 3 | Same subject. Transmits the above with his approval | 7/23 |
| | 569 | " 6 | Safe for the legation. Permission to purchase a, out of the contingent allowance, req'd | 7/31. |
| | 570 | " 6 | Repairs to Secretary's house. Permission to use $450 or, requested. | 7/31. |
| | 571 | " 8 | Consular supplies are not admitted to free entry in Japan. Reply to Desp. of May 29. | 7/31. |
| | — | " 8 | Trade of Japan in 1900. Review of the, published by the Japan Weekly Mail. | 7/31. |
| | 572 | " 8 | Exposition at Buffalo. Japanese village. Application presented in Dep's No. of June 22 has been denied by the Japanese Govt | 7/31. |
| | — | " 20 | Inventory of property transmitted | 8/9 |
| | — | " 20 | Monument to Commodore Perry. Account of the ceremonies at the unveiling of the, and of the reception given to Rear Admiral Rodgers. | 8/9 |
| | — | " 22 | Absence from Tokyo at Lake Chuzenji, during the summer, reported | 8/9 |
| | 573 | Augs | Complaint of the China and Japan Trading Co, concerning their rights with the frontage of their lot, has been temporarily withdrawn. Encl's correspondence with the Consul at Nagasaki; calls attention to the question of principle which may come up again | 8/31 |
| | 574 | " 12 | Complaint of the Yokohama Specie Bank on account of detention by Immigration authorities of their clerks upon transfer to branch offices in U.S. — States that the foreign office holds that Sec. 1 of the Act Feb. 26, 1885 does not exclude this class of employes as laborers and that the contract labor law can not be applied to them. | 9/9 |
| | 575 | " 16 | Exemption of import duties on coal and other naval supplies temporarily stored — Encl's correspondence in regard to — States that exemption is accorded in transshipment of stores | 9/9 |
| Tel. | — | " 18 | Outrage on Japanese lady passengers by Quarantine Inspectors at Honolulu — Sending emotion expressed by all classes in consequence of — | |
| | 576 | " 19 | Claim of the American Trading Co. vs. Japan — Dep't 352 complied with. | 9/10 |
| | 577 | " 19 | Outrage upon Japanese ladies by Quarantine Inspectors at Honolulu — Confirms his tel. of 18th inst. and encl's clippings rel. to — | 9/10 |
| | 578 | " 21 | Same subject — Reports further and encl's report of the Japanese Consul at Honolulu and translation of a newspaper article in regard to — | 9/20 |
| | 579 | " 26 | Military attaché — Refers to Dep't 354 and states that Major Wood must have misunderstood him when he thought that the allowance for office rent was $25 per, etc. | 9/ |

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| Alfred E. Buck, E.E., M.P. | 580 | Aug. 28 | Mining regulations of Japan - Encls. clippings rel. to - | 10/3. |
| | 581 | Sept. 11 | Instructions 358 complied with. Congress, Road - Duplicate bill of lading U.S. and having been received, under the Imperial Japan unable to send delegates. | 10/8 |
| | 582 | " 16 | Visit of Marquis Ito to the U.S. Reports he will sail on the 18th inst. It is not improbable the Marquis intends to sound the U.S. Govt. on the solution of the question concerning Manchuria. | 10/12 |
| | | " 18 | Return of Tokio from Lake Chemungi reptd. | 10/9 |
| | 583 | " 1st | Contingent Expenses - Refers to Dept's. 360, explains the unexpended balances on hand referred to in his 569 and requests to be allowed $250 in addition to the appropriation of $2000. | 10/12 |
| | 584 | " 20 | Subsidy laws rel. to Japanese Merchant Marine - Encls. statistics rel. to - | 10/2 |
| | | " 28 | Minister for Foreign affairs. Appointment of Mr Kumura reported | 10/28. |
| | 585 | " 30 | Death of Pres't McKinley. Memorial service at Tokyo; sympathy expressed by the Emperor, the Crown prince and others. | 10/26. |
| | 586 | " 30 | Chinese Mission to apology for the murder of Chancellor Sugiyama at Peking during the Boxer disturbance. Encl. newspaper account of the reception of Envoy Na Tung, text of addresses and Chinese Emperor's letter; friendly reception accorded to Na Tung. | 10/26. |
| | 587 | Oct 2. | Registration of perpetual leases. Text of law and regulations as published in the Japan Mail Encl. question of tax on buildings is left open. Refers to No 550. | 10/28 |
| | 588 | " 5 | Fees for Quarter ending Sept 30th, 1901, transmitted | 11/4 |
| | | " 7 | Exposition Louisiana Purchase to be held in St Louis - Japan invited to participate in | 11/4 |
| | | " 9 | Interpreter of Legation, Becomes in charge of Office & - Japanese Secretary's increase of salary to Yen 2,000 | 10/30 |
| | 589 | " 14 | Copyright. Encls letter from Minister for Foreign Affairs stating some reasons why a convention had not been agreed upon by Japan. | 11/13 |
| | 590 | " 14 | Military Attaché - Assumption of duties by Major Alvord C. Wood, 12 inst. reptd. | 11/13 |
| 1.2.'02 | 591 | " 24. | Registration and taxation of buildings on perpetual leases. Jap't Govt holds that buildings are not included in the leases but are the property of the lessees and as such subject to taxation. Encl's note from Min. for FA. and statements of revenues, expenditures and budget of foreign settlements. | 11/21 |
| | 592 | " 28 | Catalogue of Japanese pottery presented to the Empress has been delivered as directed in No. 366. It has been accepted on the understanding that no reward is expected by the donors. Corresp. attached | 11/21 |
| | | " 29 | Department of Commerce and Agriculture. Transmits information called for by No. of July 30 | 11/21 |
| | 593 | " 29 | "366 acknd | 11/21 |
| | 594 | " 30 | "367 acknd | 11/21 |
| | 595 | Nov. 2 | Legation Improvements and repairs. Referring to his "83, renews his request for adequate appropriation which owing to increase in price of labor and material will have to be considerably advanced | 12/2 |
| | 596 | " 4 | Thanks of Navy Dept in No. 370 have been conveyed | 12/2 |
| | 597 | " 4. | Naval attaché. No. 369 has been complied with | 12/2 |
| | | " 6 | Effects of passengers coming to Japan. Customs regulations Encl'd | 12/2 |
| | 598 | " 14 | Nagasaki. Exequatur has been forwarded to Vice Consul Fisher. | 12/9 |
| 1.2.'02 | 599 | " 15 | Registration and taxation of buildings on perpetual leases. Ref to 591 and Encl's printed statement of foreign lease holders and a printed letter from M'Ivor, discusses both papers in the light of diplomatic correspondence of the Jap't Govt with other Treaty Powers and of his own previous despatches. | 12/9 |
| | Tel | " 25 | Same subject. "A portion of American citizens Yokohama desire delay in consideration of the inclosures to my despatch 591 until the receipt of inclosures to my despatch 599." | 11/25 |
| | | " 20 | Departure on leave of Interpreter Miller, this day, reported | 12/6 |
| | 600 | " 21 | Consulate at Hiogi or Shimonoseki. Encl statement of officials of the former place suggesting the establishment and transmits trade statistics | 12/16 |
| 1.2.'02 | 601 | " 22 | Taxation of buildings on perpetual leases. Encl's note to Min. for FA reserving rights of Am. citizens to eventual refundment | 12/16 |
| | | " 26 | Assistance rendered the U.S.S. "Hancock" by the Japanese Navy stmr's com'd as the subject | 12/13 |
| | | " 27 | Exposition at St Louis. Invitation declined by Japan owing to the coincidence with his 6th National Exhibition at Osaka. | 12/13 |
| 1.2.'02 | 602 | " 29 | Taxation of buildings on perpetual leases Encloses and explains his tel. of Nov. 25. Encl's note from Min. for FA. assuring him that Am. citizens will not be discriminated against being on a par with those of the most favored nations | 12/13 |

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| Alfred E. Buck, E&MP. | 603 | Nov. 30. | Naval attaché Lt Com'r Chas. C. Marsh has entered upon his duties. | 1/2 |
| | ~ | Dec'r | Same subject. Letter commending late naval attaché as Key received from Jap. Minister of Marine and transmitted | 1/2 |
| | ✓ | " 9 | Assistance rendered to U.S. transport "Hancock". Emb's letter of acknowl. of thanks conveyed in Desp of Nov. 26. | 1/2 |
| | ✓ | " 12 | Homœopathic practice of homœopathic system is not permitted in Japan. Emb's reply received to inquiry in behalf of Mrs Nina D. Thomas. | 1/10 |
| | ~ | " 14 | Political 16th Session of the Diet opened by the Emperor on Dec 10. Newspaper accounts of proceedings hand'd | 1/10 |
| | 604 | " 16 | Transfer of Secy of Legation to a post in Europe or to the Dept. Emb's with his approval application of Huntington Wilson. | 1/10 |
| | ~ | " 17 | Women Status of, in Japan. Emb's duplicate of a report sent for the use of the Women's Suffrage Convention | |
| | 605 | " 18 | Interpreter of the Legation. Recommends that he be raised to the rank of Japanese Secretary and increase of salary from $2500 to 3000. | 1/3 1/13 |
| F. R. '02 | 606 | " 20 | Taxation of buildings on perpetual leases. Consuls have been instructed to advise payment under protest as directed in Dept's tel. of Dec 5. Emb's letter to Con-Gen. at Yokohama giving Min Buck's views on the subject: no enforcement for non-payment of taxes has yet been made, but may be at any time: Japan will not listen to arbitration | 1/15. |
| R. S. Miller, Interpreter | ~ | " 26 | Leave. Extension of 60 days from Jan 1 reqd: arrival at his home in Ithaca on Dec 24 reported | 1/18. |
| Alfred E. Buck. E&MP. | ~ | " 27 | Meeting of Military Surgeons ass'n. Jap. Dept of War and Navy will send representatives | 1/21. |
| | 607 | " 21 | Merchant Marine and Shipbuilding Industry. Transmits Report on by Naval attaché Lt Com'r. Marsh, as supplementary to his "242 and 584. | 1/21 |
| | 608 | " 28 | Fur seals in Bering Sea killed by Japanese Vessels. Emb's note to Min for For. Aff. in accordance with Dep't "374. | 1/21 |
| | Tel. | Dec 31 | Refers to "607 and has not received reply. Hopes to obtain reply before long | 1/21 |
| | 609 | Jan. 2 | Seizure of Canadian Sealer. The naval attaché of the Legation is investigating and will report soon as to - | 2/6 |
| | 610 | " 4 | Clerk of Legation - Resignation of R. S. Miller as - accepted. | 2/3 |
| F. R. '02 | 611 | " 4 | Taxation of buildings or perpetual leases - Encl. note from Min. for F. A. stating that the Mayor of Yokohama will be advised to accept payments under protest. | 2/3 |
| | 612 | " 9 | Copyright Convention - Refers to his "589 and asks further instructions. | 2/3 |
| | 613 | " 12 | Duties, exhibitant, on whiskey. Text of tel. from to Dept. reports action taken thereon and Emb's memo. sent to the For. Office which has not yet been answered | 2/12 |
| | 614 | " 14 | Discrimination against foreign owned launches in regard to navigation in Tokyo Bay. Restriction to limits of Yokohama harbor has been removed and permission to land outside of the harbor will be granted on application to the proper Dept. Emb's correspondence with Min for For. Aff. and representations of the Pacific Mail S.S. Co | 2/12 |
| | 615 | " 20 | Fur sealing by Japanese vessels. Emb's report of Naval Attaché March, giving information on laws, statistics, names of vessels, &c | 2/12 |
| F. R. '02 | Tel | " 18 | Taxation of buildings on perpetual leases: "Many Americans still continue to refuse payment taxes even under protest. Enforcement suspended till 25th inst. Having unofficially suggested arbitration, should I officially in the event of the representatives other powers doing it." | 1/18 |
| F. R. '02 | 616 | " 20 | Same subject. British, French, German and Netherlands legation have protested. Emb's copies of their representations: other powers have not taken position; no opposition is made to collection of tax on income from perpetual leases; Emb's newspaper articles. | 2/12 |
| | 616½ | " 20 | Same subject. Meeting of representatives concerned in the question has been called for Jan 24. List of tel. to & from Dept | 2/12 |
| R. S. Miller, Interpreter | ~ | " 21 | Interpreter of legation. Increase of salary and change of name to Japanese Secretary. Reasons presented in support of the recommendations in "605. | 1/23 |
| Alfred E. Buck. E&MP. | Tel | " 31 | Exposition of St Louis. Jap. Min for For. assures official representation by commission. | 1/31 |
| | 617 | Feb 3 | Typewriting machine for Mil. Attaché asked | 2/7 |
| J. Inn. McD. Ferguson, 2nd Secy | ~ | Jan 22 | Transfer to Russia declined. | 2/11 |
| Alfred E. Buck. E&MP | ~ | " 22 | 2nd Secy Ferguson recommended for promotion to 1st Secy in case of vacancy. | 2/11 |
| F. R. '02 | 618 | Feb 3 | Taxation of buildings on perpetual leases. Foreign Ministers at meeting held in U.S. Legation decide to take no further official action, pending receipt of instructions from their respective Govts. No steps yet taken by Japan to enforce payment | 2/27 |
| | Tel | " 3 | Duties, exhibitant, on Whiskey. "Whiskey case. Having sufficient evidence of all the facts in the case of the discriminations referred to respecting 3725 barrels delivered. At the request of Company I presented them to Min for For. Jan 18. See my desp. No 614. Have now facts as to the remainder | |

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| Alfred E. Buck. Esq. M.P. | 619 | Feb. 3 | Duties exorbitant on whiskey. Enc's list of tels from and to Dept. and correspce with Min. for F.A. Duties appear to have been refunded under a regulation ordering return of duties on alcohol sold for industrial or medical purposes. | 2/27 |
| | " | " 4 | Window glass manufacture. Report of Secy Watson on the, Encl. | 2/27 |
| | " | " 4 | Exposition at St Louis. Confirms tel of Dec 31 and reports interview with Min for F.A. | 2/27 |
| | Tel | " 13 | "Treaty of alliance between Japan and Great Britain in respect of China and Korea made public to day." | 2/13. |
| | 620 | " 13 | Same subject. Confirms above and Encl clipping from the Japan Times giving text of the treaty, account of its reception in the Diet and among the people, and comments. | 3/1. |
| | " | " 16 | Bank of Japan. Speech of the Governor, at the general meeting of stock holders Encl. | 3/15. |
| | " | " 18 | Exposition at St Louis. Reports the organization of associations for the furtherance of. | 3/15 |
| Tel April 4. "It is desirable" | 621 | " 20 | Fur sealing by Japanese vessels. Encs "384 and refers to his "615. | 3/15. |
| | Tel. | " 21 | Duty on tea in the U.S. "The Jap. Govt. very much concerned over the probability of the failure of repeal duty on tea. Aid of the Administration earnestly desired." | 3/21 |
| | 622 | " 24 | Confirms above and explains that it was sent at the request of the Japanese | 3/25 |
| | " | " 28 | Exposition, national, at Osaka, in 1903. Enc's laws and regulations rel. to foreign exhibits. | 3/25 |
| | Tel | Mar 1 | Same subject. Have you any information regarding Barrett's coming. Min of Trade and Commerce wishes to know with a view to an appropriation. The diet will soon adjourn | 3/. |
| | " | " 4 | Decoration of Japan. Desired by Chas. L. Tiffany. Enc's for instruction. Letter from H. A. Spaulding soliciting the good offices of the Legation. | 4/3 |
| | " | " 6 | Exposition of St Louis. Confirms tel of Mar 1; not more than $100000 at present at the disposal of the Min. of Trade and Commerce | 4/3 |
| F. R. '02 | 623 | " 7 | Tientsin. Jap. Govt concurs in views of the U.S. regarding restoration of, to the Chinese authorities. Enc's notes to & from Min for F.A. Repts 385 | 4/5 |
| | 624 | " 10 | Taxation of buildings on perpetual leases. Enc's resolutions of a meeting of foreign residents at Yokohama not to pay the taxes and in reply thereto, fears that this action will precipitate distraint proceedings. Dep. expts reopened discussion of the matter at the suggestion of the Jap. Govt, after meeting at the U.S. Legation. | 4/5 |
| F. R. '02 | 625 | " 11 | Same subject. Question will be submitted to arbitration | 4/9 |
| | 626 | " 17 | Exposition at St Louis. Trust Francis' letter in Ins. 389 has been delivered | 4/9 |
| F. R. '02 | Tel | " 18 | Taxation of buildings on perpetual leases. "The Jap. Govt. has proposed to the Representatives of the Powers protesting against the house tax to arbitrate. The U.S. not having protested is not included. Would it be proper to ask to become a party to the proceedings." | 3/18. |
| Tel April 15. "Is there any truth in the rumor that St Louis Exposition has been postponed a year." | 627 | " 18 | Same subject. Confirms above; it was sent in consequence of resolutions of a meeting of American citizens in Yokohama; Enc's corresp. with the Consul | 4/9 |
| | Tel | " 18. | Legation. Heating apparatus. "Senn the selbr shop heating apparatus Gardiner has ordered. Full explanation by mail." | 3/18 |
| | 628 | " 18 | Same subject. Confirms above and gives explanation therein adverted to. | 4/9 |
| | " | " 19 | Adjournment of the Japanese diet on Mar. 10 ~~registered~~. | 4/9 |
| F. R. '02 | 629 | " 26 | Taxation of buildings on perpetual leases. Enc's note to Min for F.A. asking for admission of U.S. to the benefit of whatever award is contemplated arbitration and reply agreeing to an exchange of notes to this effect, but stating that the question of income tax will not be submitted to the arbitration. Text of Dep't's tel's of Mar 10 and 24; Japan will likely propose the Chief Justice of the U.S. as arbitrator | 4/19 |
| | 630 | " 27 | Exposition of St Louis. "390 agreed | 4/19 |
| | Tel | April 4 | Legation Vault. "It is desirable." Reply total. inquiry of April 2 | 4/4. |
| | 631 | " 10 | Taxation of buildings on perpetual leases. Newspaper clippings showing the trend of sentiment among Americans and foreigners in Japan regarding the attitude of the U.S. and the course of the legation in the question. | 5/8. |
| | " | " 11 | Meeting of Military Surgeons. Surgeon in Chief Kimura Sosuke will represent the Japanese Navy Dept. at the. | 5/6 |
| | 632 | " 12 | Sewing School Exhibit of Japan sent in 1897 to the Newfork Exposition. Enc's note from F.O. stating that nothing need be done about its return to Japan. Rec'd 386 | 5/6. |
| | 633 | " 12 | Exposition of St Louis. Trust Francis' letter in "393 has been delivered | 5/6. |

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| Alfred E. Buck. E.E.&M.P. | | 634 | Apl 14 | Seal catching by Japanese vessels. Emb's note to Min for F.A. in accordance with Dns. 392 | 5/6 |
| | | " | " 14 | Boiler Inspection Certificates. Laws and regulations of Japan forwd. as per Ltr. of Mar. 5. | 5/6. |
| | | " | " 18 | Interpreter. Returns to post and resumption of duties 14th inst. reported | 5/12 |
| R. S. Miller | Interpreter | " | " 18 | Returns to post and resumption of duties 14th inst. reported | 5/12 |
| Alfred E. Buck | E.E.&M.P. | 635 | " 18 | Legation. Improvements and repairs. Inquiries whether part of the appropriation reported to in Dispt #391 may be used for improvement of the grounds and reconstruction of stable. | 5/12 |
| | | 636 | " 18 | Expiration of St Louis. #394 complied with. | 5/12 |
| Huntington Wilson | Secy | " | " 21 | Leave of absence for 60 days with permission to visit the U.S. requested | 5/12 |
| Alfred E. Buck | E.E.&M.P. | " | " 21 | Secy of Legation. Minor appointments transmitted, with approval. | 5/12 |
| | | " | " 21 | Budget for 1902-1903 rec'd. | 5/12 |
| F. R. '02 | | 637 | " 26 | Taxation of buildings on perpetual leases. States that proposal of Jap. govt to submit to arbitration, or limitation in regard to, is likely to be withdrawn on account of endeavors of Brit. Min to have other questions submitted. Cites Pres. 25 forwd Brit Min to Min for F.A. and Min for F.A.'s reply of Mch 18 | 5/22 |
| | | 638 | " 26 | #395 ack'd. | 5/22 |
| | | " | " 28 | Trade Marks. Protection of, may be forfeited by failure to register in Japan and acquired by third party, after three years, of prior registration. Encl's note for F.O. and laws rel. to trade marks and patents. | 5/22 |
| | | | May 5 | Meeting of Military Surgeons in Washington. Surgeon Tanuma Kuwasaburo designated to represent Japanese Army at the | 6/24 |
| | | 639 | " 6 | Expenses for draping Cathedral on the occasion of the death of Pres't McKinley, owing to incomplete translation of voucher leaving room for supposition that the legation was draped. Enc's for decision of the Comptroller correspd. with Auditor rel. to disallowance of item of $70.47 | 6/4 |
| | | " | " 13 | Publications Statistics and Regulations of the Paris Exposition forwarded | 6/4. |
| | | 640 | " 13 | #396 acknd. | 6/4 |
| | | 641 | " 13 | Claim of the American Trading Co. for excessive duties charged on shipment of whiskey. Enc's memoranda to and from Min for F.A. Delay caused by pendency of the budget; matter again brought to the attention of the Min. of Finance | 6/4 |
| F. R. '02 | | 642 | " 14 | Taxation of buildings on perpetual leases. Enc's note declaring that U.S. expect arbitration to decide all points in controversy, as intd in #399. | 6/9. |
| F. R. '02 | | 643 | " 16 | Same subject. Reply to the foregoing Enc'd. Jap. Govt declines to submit to arbitration any other question than that of the house tax, which it contends is the only one that has been submitted to diplomatic discussion. | 6/13 |
| | Tel | | " 17 | Departure of Gen. Bates for San Francisco this day reported. | 6/17 |
| | | | " 19 | Exposition of St Louis. Free entry will be granted to printed matter of the | 6/18. |
| | | 644 | " 26 | #402 acknd. | 6/18. |
| | | 645 | " 27 | #403 acknd. | 6/23 |
| | | 646 | June 2 | Passport of Louis Oppinger has been issued and will be held until required proof of citizenship shall be furnished. Reply to 401. | 6/23 |
| | | | " | Leave to visit Northern ports of Japan on A.D.C. Rodgers' Flagship and all answers requested | 6/23 |
| F. R. '02 | | 647 | " 2 | Protection of Cuban interests by U.S. Consular Officers. Assent of Japan given in Enc'd note from Min. for F.A. Consuls have been instructed | 6/23 |
| | | 648 | " 2 | Taxation of buildings on perpetual leases. Enc's report of Sub Committee of the American Asiatic Society, and resolutions. Presents a defense of the legation on points therein mentioned reflecting on its attitude. | 6/23 |
| | | 649 | " 7 | Passport of Louis Oppinger. Refers to #646 and Enc's affidavit rel. to loss of Oppingers certificate of naturalization. Inst'ns awaited | 7/2 |
| | Tel | | " 6 | Extradition. By Consul "Walter Tucker British subject" | 6/6. |
| | | 650 | " 7 | Same subject. Text of tels from to Dept and explains delay in ascertaining Tucker's nationality. | 7/2 |
| F. R. '02 | | 651 | " 9 | Taxation of buildings on perpetual leases. Ass't #405; position of this Dept on arbitration question has been carefully noted | 7/— |
| | | 652 | " 10 | Seal catching by Japanese vessels. Enc's note of Min for F.A. giving as the result of investigation the information that the Jap. flag is not misused for the purpose, and expressing readiness to enter into an international arrangement for the enforcement of the Bering Sea award regulations, without which no legislation can be made | 7/— |

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| Alfred E. Buck, Esq. U.S.A. | 653 | June 10. | Claim (Whiskey case) of the American Trading Company. Reports action taken on receipt of Dep.'s tel. of June 6. Delay of Jap. Govt probably due to political reasons and differences of views in the Cabinet; arbitration limited at. | 7/2 |
| | 654 | " 10 | Legation. Heating apparatus & vault. Inquires about amount of appropriation remaining available. | 7/2 |
| | 655 | " 14 | Exposition at St. Louis. Arrival and work of John Barrett, Com Gen. of. Reported. | 7/10 |
| | 656 | " 16 | Safe for Legation, Purchase of. Encls & and draft for proceeds of do ne. | 7/10 |
| | 657 | " 17 | Extradition by Comity of Walter Tucker, Min. F.O. declares Jap. Govt. will not grant extraditions for any crime not enumerated in the treaty | 7/10 |
| | Tel. | " 20 | Newspapers for legation. Continuation of, requested. | 7/19 |
| | Tel. | " 24 | Extradition by Comity. The Jap Govt will decline to entertain application for extradition Tucker. Will not consent in any case outside provisions of the Treaty. | 6/24 |
| | 658 | " 24 | Same subject. Text of tels from and to Dept. Tucker's nationality had no influence on the decision of the Jap Govt | 7/19 |
| | 659 | " 25 | Legation. Heating apparatus and vault. Advice of draft for ¥ 1024.26 which is given him as the remainder of the appropriation. Refs to Nos. 391 and Dep. 404 | 7/9 |
| F. R. 1902 | 660 | " 26 | Taxation of buildings on perpetual leases. Encls correspondence of the British, French and German Ministers with the F.O. rel to the scope of contemplated arbitration. | 7/19 |
| | | " 27 | Postal Union Universal. Celebration of the 25th anniversary of Japan's accession to the. Newspaper accounts encld. | 7/19 |

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| Alfred E. Buck C.E. M.A | — | July 2 | Imperial prince. Birth of, June 25th, reported. | 7/28 |
| c | 661 | " 3 | Passport applications for. Asks if the, may be acknowledged before a consular officer of foreign nationality | 7/28 |
| c | 662 | " 10 | Land claim of George M. Hale. Reports present status of, and expresses opinion that heirs are entitled to recover, but that chances of success are small. Reply to #409. | 8/4 |
| c | — | " 12 | Annual Furniture Schedule and Inventory of books, &c. inclosed. | 8/4 |
| c | 663 | " 17 | Claim of the American Trading Co. (Whiskey case). Min. for F.A. denies having promised to return an answer in ten days. Memoranda incl'd. | 8/13 |
| c | Tel. | " 16 | Visit of Prince Boris of Russia sailed today from Japan for San Francisco. Will remain some time in the U.S." | 7/16 8/13 |
| | 664 | " 17 | Same subject. Confirms above. | |
| c | Tel | " 23 | Guano island. Title to Marcus island claimed by A.A. Rosehill. Jap. Min. for F.A. informs me naval vessel will leave for Marcus Island to morrow not to make but in order to prevent trouble. An official of the F.O. will be sent on the naval vessel to whom will be intrusted my letter of advice to Rosehill, in compliance with your instruction." | 7/26 |
| c | 665 | " 22 | Same subject. Incl of tel. from and to Dept. of his letter to Capt Rosehill in accordance with Inst^ns and of tels exchanged between the Jap. Govt and its legation in Washington | 7/26 |
| c | 666 | " 23 | Fur Seal catching by Japanese vessels. Supplementary report of Lieut C.C. Marsh incl'd giving list of vessels, yields of seasons in 1901-02, and discussing chances of their entering Bering Sea | 8/18. |
| | Tel | " 26 | Guano Island. "Jap. Min for F.A. informs me naval vessel will leave for Marcus Island to morrow not to make but in order to prevent trouble. An official of the F.O. will be sent on the naval vessel to whom will be intrusted my letter of advice to Rosehill in compliance with your instructions" (Verification of the above understood by Dept 7/26) | 7/26. |
| c | 667 | Aug 6 | Same subject. Jap. naval vessel above referred to, has returned and found that the island was without a harbor, water or guano, and that the 30 Japanese now there are thinking of leaving it. | 9/2 |
| | 668 | " 14 | Heating apparatus and safe for legation. Asks #413 and refers to Desp 659. | 9/8. |
| c | 669 | " 15 | Korea. Integrity of. Russian intention to bring about a guarantee of the, by the most interested powers through the good offices of the U.S. Reports conversation with Russian Min. | 9/8. |
| c | 670 | " 15 | Trade, foreign, of Japan. Transmits report on, by Sec'y of the Int. Legation. | 9/8. |
| F.R. '02 c | 671 | " 15 | Taxation of buildings on perpetual leases. Scope of the arbitration appears to have been determined, and protocol will likely be signed in a few days. Substance of the same given. | 9/8. |
| F.R. '02 c | 672 | " 18 | Taxation of buildings on perpetual leases. Collection will be suspended on the signing of the arbitration protocol. Refers to tel of Jan 16. | 9/17 |
| c | 673 | " 20 | War vessel supplies. Jap. Govt proposes to introduce a bill permitting the transhipment of coal without payment of duties. Refers to 575. | 9/17 |
| c | 674 | " 21 | Election laws of Japan, and publication on the subject, Encls. Returns of the first elections thereunder | 9/17 |
| c | 675 | " 22 | Ground rents on perpetual leases. Encls. corresp^ce rel. to protest of leaseholders in Kobe against their being turned into the Japanese Treasury and reported as subsidy from the Jap. Govt when returned to the Municipality. Legation holds that under new treaty relations, protest is of no avail. | 9/17 |
| c | 676 | " 23 | Repairs to legation. Authority to draw for $600 requested. Details of necessary repairs given | 9/17 |
| c | Tel | " 24 | Claim of the American Trading Co." (Whiskey case). The claim is rejected. I will forward a copy of the answer at once and wait for further instructions." | 9/24. |
| c | 677 | " 25 | Same subject. Confirms above and transmits answer therein referred to. | 9/17 |
| c | 678 | " 26 | Guano Island. The Jap. Cruiser Takachiho has been ordered to Marcus Island | 9/24 |
| c | 679 | " 27 | Korea. Integrity of. Russian overtures, as reported in #668, have been declined by Japan; Min for F.A., in conversation, explains that refusal was dictated by virtual occupation of Manchuria by Russian military forces and apprehension of ulterior designs on Korea | 9/24. |
| c | 680 | " 29 | Claim of the American Trading Co. (Whiskey Case). Discusses memo. of the Japanese Govt in #677, brings out its weak and disingenuous points; Encls communications from the Co's agents and recommends that arbitration be proposed | 9/24. |
| | Tel | " 25 | Second Secretary Ferguson's application for 3 months' leave of absence transmitted with U.S. approval | 9/25. |
| | 681 | " 30 | Map of Russia in Asia transmitted. | 9/25. |
| | 682 | " 30 | Absence on leave for a few weeks announced | 9/24 |
| Huntington Wilson. Ch. of Bu | 683 | Sept 1 | Departure of Min. Buck on the R.M.S. New York this day, announced | 9/2 |
| | 684 | " 1 | Departure of 2nd Lieut Ferguson with the Minister, reported | 9/2 |

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| Huntington Wilson, Actg Sec | — | Sept 19 | Guano on Marcus island. Inquiry of the Marcus Island Guano Co. of Honolulu regarding possibilities and conditions for working the deposits of, and his reply to be forwarded if approved, Encls. | 10/25 |
| | C — | " 18 | Mining Congress at Butte. Invitation came too late for acceptance | 10/25 |
| | C 685 | " 27 | Taxation of buildings on perpetual leases. Protocol of Arbitration signed Aug 28 with Great Britain, France and Germany submitting the question to three members of the International Court of Arbitration and accompanying note from Min. for FA. Encls | 10/20. |
| | 686 | Oct 1 | Kobe. Exequatur has been forwarded to Consul Lyon | 10/20 |
| Alfred E. Buck. Esq. U.S. | 687 | " 3 | Return to post, this day reported | 10/27 |
| | 688 | " 3 | Departure of Sec'y Wilson for the U.S. on leave, reported | 10/27 |
| | 689 | " 3 | Return to post of 2nd Secy Ferguson, reported | 10/27 |
| | C 690 | " 8 | Passport issued to Mr. Miss Kaneko, of Japanese race. Age 41 yrs and circular having written to Kaneko recalling the passports | 10/31 |
| | C 691 | " 9 | Typhoon of Sept 28. Newspaper accounts of the, transd | 10/31. |
| | | " 10 | Treaties of the U.S. Latest edition of the, requested | 10/31 |
| | C Tel | " 13 | Prosecution of Japanese silk importers for fraud on the Revenue. Dep. Customs. Maclaine may be expected at Washington D.C. about Nov. 8th" | 10/25 |
| | — | " 16 | Tariff schedules, taking effect April 1, 1903, Encls. | 11/3 |
| | C 692 | " 16 | War vessels built for the U.S. by the Uraga Dock Co. Reports successful launching of the first of four | 11/3 |
| | C 693 | " 25 | Deportation of John L. Prosser, adjudged incompetent — Refers to Depts #21 & encls. report of the Consul Genl. at Yokohama rel. to — | 11/17. |
| | C 694 | " 27 | Repairs and improvements — Requests that items making appropriation for heating vaults & apparatus be corrected so as to permit use of appropriation for reconstruction of stable & improvements of grounds. Rep. Dept's #10. | 11/17. |
| | C 695 | " 30 | Taxation of buildings on perpetual leases. Names of arbitrators selected by Japan and the three powers; third arbitrator to be selected by them will probably be Chief Justice Fuller, whose name had been proposed by Japan for sole arbitrator; the King of Sweden and Norway to name the umpire if arbitrators fail to agree | 12/1 |
| | C 696 | Nov. 6 | Cable between the U.S. and Japan. Desire expressed by Min. of Communications; the Commercial Cable Company would be given every facility to connect with Japan | 12/1 |
| | 697 | " 11 | Repairs to legation. Telegraphic answer to his 676 requested | 12/9 |
| | C 698 | " 14 | Imitation of the "Spencerian" pen. Registration of one, may bar the original article. Encls letter from Japanese stationer rel. to, and requesting affidavit certificate of nationality of and power of attorney from the manufacturers of the Spencerian pen in the U.S. | 12/9 |
| Huntington Wilson, Secy | — | " 14 | Arrival at his home on Dec. 3 reported. | 12/15. |
| Alfred E. Buck, Esq. U.S. | 699 | " 17 | Naval expenditures. Diet is to be urged to provide for the increase of the Navy by appropriating 15000000 yen for a period of ten years. Reports his visits to the F.O. and Foreign Office in the interest of American shipbuilders. | 12/17 |
| | — rec. | | Tariff schedule. Refers to dept of Oct. 16 and encls 3 copies of official translation. | 12/23 |
| | 700 | Nov. 26 | Postal laws and regulations. Transmits list, and text of regulations affecting foreign mails. | 12/23 |
| | C 701 | " 26 | Taxation of buildings on perpetual leases. Japan insists on Chief Justice Fuller being chosen as umpire in spite of the objections made by the arbitrator on behalf of the Powers. | 12/23 |
| | C 702 | Dec 1 | House for interpreter. Permission to erect on legation grounds, at Mr Miller's expense, requested | 12/23 |
| Huntington Wilson, Secy | — | " 4 | Return to post will be made before expiration of leave, if desired by the Dept | 12/4 |
| John Jr. Ferguson, Ch. d'Aff. | C Tel | " 4 | Death of Minister Buck this day reported; charge of legation assumed by Ferguson | 12/4 |
| | C Tel | " 5 | Same subject. Min. Buck's death, caused by paralysis of the heart, occurred at the Imperial hunting preserves near Tokyo. Funeral takes place here 8th. Full official honors will be extended by the Jap. Govt, as in the case of Min Swift. Widow will probably leave Yokohama 24th with the body for burial at Arlington. Respectfully recommend that Naval Attaché be granted telegraphic authority to accompany remains to Washington D.C. and return as soon as possible to his post." | 12/5 |
| | C 703 | " 7 | Same subject. Full particulars and action taken by him reported; Encls mortuary certificate, letters of condolence and press notices. | 12/20 |
| | C 704 | " 8 | Same subject. Free Entry for Mrs Buck's effects requested | 12/20 |
| | C 705 | " 10 | Diet. Opening of the 17th Session of the, on Dec 9 reported. Attitude of the Govt and opposition on financial and naval questions reported. Speech of the Emperor encls | 1/7 |

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| John M. Ferguson, Chargé | C 706 | Dec 10. | Death of Minister Buck. Account of the funeral service transmitted; corresp$^{ce}$ and newspaper items encl. | |
| | C 707 | " 12. | Taxation of buildings on perpetual leases. Engvor Gram, of Norway, chosen as umpire. | 1/7 |
| John Barrett, app$^{d}$. Envoy | C Tel | " 10. | Visit to the Shrines at Delhi. Consul at Calcutta has placed him in an embarrassing position by announcing his, as representative of the Govt. Asks to be protected against misrepresentation. | 1/7 |
| | C Tel | " 17. | Appointment. Declination of. Asks to be confidentially informed of exact nature of Japan's objection and of statement given to the press in regard to his declination. | 12/10. |
| John M. Ferguson, Chargé | Tel | " 24. | Death of Min. Buck. "Minister's remains have been shipped to day on Nevada." | 12/17 |
| | 708 | " 24. | Confirms above | 12/24 |
| | C 709 | " 31. | Political. Dissolution of the Lower House brought about by its disagreement with the Govt on the question of land taxation increase for the development of the Harg. Newspaper article encl. | 1/16. |
| | C 710 | 1903 Jan. 19. | Land claim of Sea & Land Co. Adverse decision of the Supreme Court of Japan and letter from claimant's attorney encl: judicial remedies are now exhausted. | 1/ |
| | C 711 | " 19. | Passport issued to Mrs Kamiyo has been returned. Ref to Ds. 417 and Desp. 690. | 1/ |
| | C 712 | " 19. | Taxation of buildings on perpetual leases. Extension of four months to the time for presentation of cases to arbitration has been requested by the powers and assented to by Japan | 1/23 |
| Huntington Wilson, Ass't | Tel | " 7. | Leave Extension of 15 days requested. | 1/7 |
| John M. Ferguson, Chargé | Tel | " 20. | Extradition of Wm A. Wilson requested by Gov. Taft of the Philippines. Asks whether he may apply for the. | 1/20. |
| | C 713 | " 24. | Same subject. Enc's text of tel. to & from Dept. and of corresp$^{ce}$ with Gov. Taft and Japan Govt. | 1/24 |
| | C 714 | " 24. | Port of entry at Inuvoran. Enc's decree enumerating articles that may be imported at the. | 1/24 |
| | C 715 | Feb. 3. | Death of Minister Buck. Reports appreciation of considerate action of Japanese Govt in connection with the — communicated to Min. for F.A. Encls his note of Jan. 28 to that effect. | 2/27 |
| | C 716 | " 9. | Seal catching by vessels under Japanese flag. Ref to 615 and 666 and Enc's additional report of 2d Comm$^{r}$ Mizuno with charts. | 3/2 |
| | 717 | " 13. | Free Entry for late Min. Buck's effects, requested. | 2/16 |
| | C 718 | " 20. | Death of Prince Komatsu Akihito reported. Note of condolence to Min for FA encl | 2/16. |
| | 719 | " 19. | Underwood Tel. of the Legation, of Dec 24, was forwarded on that day from Japan. No 439. | 2/16. |
| | 720 | " 20. | Diplomatic and Consular register of Japan, forwarded | 2/16 |
| Huntington Wilson, Chargé | 721 | " 24. | Return to post. this day, reported; receipt for the two cypher volumes encl | 2/20. |
| | C 722 | " 27. | Death of Prince Komatsu. Funeral took place on Feb 26 with great pomp. Thanks of the Emperor for the President's message of condolence | 4/7 |
| Lloyd C. Griscom, Ex. Ass't | 1 | Mar 11$^{th}$ 1 a.m. | Arrd. | 3/12 |
| | " | " 11. | Leave of 60 days, from Mar 30, without pay, requested | 3/12 |
| Huntington Wilson, Chargé | 723 | " 11. | Elections, legislative, brought no change in the relative strength of parties. | 4/7 |
| | 724 | " 24. | Yokohama Exequatur has been forwarded to Dep. Carlsbad Denmark | 4/17 |
| | 725 | " 30. | Typewriting machine encl. | 4/17 |
| | C 726 | Apl 6. | Extradition of Wm A. Wilson. Refers to 713 and Enc's corresp$^{ce}$ rel. to the passage of Wilson in charge of an officer at Yokohama on the way from Vancouver to Manila. | 4/27 |
| | C 727 | " 9. | Same subject. Encs note from FO. reciting steps taken to effect his arrest in Japan | 4/27 |
| | C " | " 23. | Exposition of Osaka (National). Opening and general character of the, reported. | 5/8. |
| | " | " 25. | Congress of Good Roads. Japan will not be represented. | 5/8. |
| | " | " 28. | Meeting of Military Surgeons. Japan will not be represented. | 5/8. |
| | C " | " 29. | Courtesies for Ralph Pulitzer. Preparations made to comply with tel. of Apl 21. P. is returning to Europe this day on account of his health. | 5/18 |
| Lloyd C. Griscom, Ex. Ass't | " | " 29. | Newspapers for legation. N.Y. Tribune and L.A. Chronicle" requested | 4/29 |
| Huntington Wilson, Chargé | 728 | " 30. | Conditions, political. Diet will convene on May 8. Split within the party of Marquis Ito and arrangement of the latter concerning financial matters and naval armaments reported; moderate attitude of the Japanese press on the Manchurian question and Ito caused | 5/18 |
| | C Tel | May 13. | Extradition requested by Gov. of the Philippines. In view of the fact that Japan Govt will consider other treaties extended to insular possessions if application is made, Dept's instructions are awaited before taking action. | 5/13 |
| | C 729 | " 16. | Tea samples by mail. Enc's request of Geo. H. Macy & Co that limit of weight be raised from 3 to 12 ounces. | 6/5 |
| | C 730 | " 20. | Extradition of Edward White, requested by Gov. of Philippines. Text of tel. to & from Dept and Gov. of Philippines. It turned out that the offense was not extraditable. | 6/ |

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| Japan | | | 1903. | | |
| Hunting'n Wilson Chargé, a.i. | Tel. | | May 31 | Warships to be built by Japan. "Special Navy approp. has passed Lower House. Three Battleships will be built abroad. I believe if you would speak strongly to Jap. Min. about it gratitude entertained in America would be greatly improved." | 6/1 |
| | C Tel | | June 3 | Exposition at St Louis. Japan Dist have passed approp. of 800000 Yen for. | 6/5 |
| | | 731 | " 6 | Same subject. Tel: June 5. confd. | 6/29 |
| | C | 732 | " 10 | Warships to be built by Japan. Tel. of May 31. confd. Gives details and reasons for suggestion made then. | 6/29 |
| | C | 733 | " 10 | Political. Special Session Dist closed 5 inst. Reports work done by it. | 6/29 |
| Lloyd Griscom. Ch. d'Aff. | | 2 | " 22 | Arrival at Post on June 2 reported; credentials presented this day; that of remarks exchanged with the Emperor; praise for the two Secretaries' conduct of the legation | 7/17 |
| | C | Tel | " 18 | Repairs and furniture. Permission to expend $2000 for repairs and to apply unexpended balance of contingent allowance to the purchase of furniture requested | 6/18 |
| | | 3 | " 22 | Letter of credit returned. | 7/18 |
| | | | " 24 | Newspapers for legation N.Y. Tribune and San Francisco Chronicle requested | 7/17 |
| | | 4 | " 24 | H.147 owed | 7/17 |
| | | 5 | " 29 | Exposition at St Louis. Formal acceptance of invitation. Note from F.O. owed | 7/30 |
| John W. Ferguson, 2nd Sec'y | | | July 2 | Leave of 60 days to visit the U.S. after September requested | 7/30 |
| Lloyd Griscom, Ch. d'Aff. | F.R. '03 C | Tel. | " 14 | Manchuria. Evacuation of, by Russia." Confidential. I am credibly informed that Japan proposes soon to address the Russian Govt directly at St Petersburg regarding Manchuria. Japan apparently desires to act alone without the knowledge of the U.S. and Great Britain." | 7/14 |
| | F.R. '03 C | 6 | " 14 | Same subject. Confirms the foregoing, reports that the contemplated action, the nature of which is strictly kept secret, was retarded by the opposition of Marquis Ito, the most influential advisor of the Emperor who however on the threat of the Prime Min. to resign, obliged the Marquis to resign his leadership of the Seiyukai party and appointed him President of the Privy Council where his influence will be considerably reduced. Asks to be informed of any proposition made by Russia and strongly advises against the condition of special quarantine system for Manchuria. | 7/30 |
| | C | 7 | " 20 | Korea. Russian Activity in. Encl's report of 1 Brit. Inspr. at Seoul to the F.O. on the subject, and reports that a contemplated demand by Russia authorizing the concession of a railway is likely to create complications with Japan | 8/10 |
| | F.R. '03 C | Tel | " 20 | Manchuria. Evacuation of by Russia. Refers to tel. of July 14, gives substance of four of the Japanese proposals and involving respective interests of both Countries in China and Korea | 7/20 |
| | C | 8 | " 21 | Lease of small strip of land in front of the legation. Requests permission to sign it, at the nominal rental of ¥ 4.93 per annum | 8/10 |
| | F.R. 03 C | 9 | " 22 | Manchuria. Refers to tel. of July 20 and adds that Japan proposes to conduct the negotiations in a friendly spirit. | 8/10 |
| | C | 10 | " 28 | Congress of Actuaries in New York. Prof. Kotaro Ishida will represent Japan at the | 8/24 |
| | C | — | " 29 | Inventory of property and archives encl. | 8/31 |
| | C | 11 | Aug 6 | Claim of the American Trading Co. (Whiskey Case) Encl's note communicating Inst. #497 again presenting the, and relative interview with Min for FA. | 8/31 |
| | C | — | " 10 | Hydrographic methods &c. Data reports on, available in Japan | 9/14 |
| | C | 12 | Sept 19 | Extraction of birds on Midway Island by Japanese subjects. Encl's note to Jap. Govt in accordance with Inst. 12 | 10/14 |
| | C | Tel | " 16 | Manchuria. Conditions imposed by Russia for the evacuation of. The Min. wishes me to telegraph you his opinion that the recent Russian demands on China, if granted, would destroy the value of any open ports in Manchuria and would be inconsistent with policy of "open door". He refers particularly to decree prohibiting leasing of land by foreigners." | 9/16 |
| | F.R. 03 C | 13 | " 21 | Same subject. Confirms foregoing and reports at length conversation with Min. for FA. reflecting the gravity of the situation. Negotiations between the two Govts have been transferred from St Petersburg to Tokyo. | 10/14 |
| | C | — | " 28 | Emigrants. Medical Inspection of. In view of the fact that U.S. Medical Officers are already stationed in Jap. ports and the impression that no objection will be made to extending their operations to non-quarantinable diseases, no action has been or will be taken on Circ. of Aug 19. | 10/17 |

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| Lloyd Griscom, Esq. | 14 | Sept 30 | Insurance Companies. Deposit of 100000 yens and annually thereafter of amounts equal to the reserve on policies written in Japan, required of foreign Companies. Enc's protest of the Equitable Life Co's agents, alleging discrimination in violation of Art 2 of the treaty, text of the insurance law and Regulations and Am's instructions. | 10/9 |
| C | 15 | Oct 1 | Same subject. Enc's clippings from the "Japan Mail" reflecting opinions on the subject | 10/9 |
| C | 16 | " 6 | Lease of small strip of land in front of the Legations. Enc's translation of the, authorized in Inst. 11. | 10/15 |
| F. R. 03 C | 17 | " 17 | Trade Mark of the Ly and I Fire Co. copyrighted by one Rikichi Inui at Osaka - In compliance with Inst. 14, sets forth the facts and law in the case and suggests the proper mode of procedure in the matter, presuming that the Dept does not desire the Legation to take up case until the Co. have exhausted all remedies in the courts - | 11/9 |
| C | 18 | " 19 | Exposition of Portland, Ore. in 1905 - desire of the Management of the, to secure the transference of Japan's exhibits at St. Louis, has been, in compliance with Inst. 15, brought unofficially to the attention of the Japanese Govt - | 11/9 |
| C | 19 | " 23 | Repairs to Legation buildings and grounds. Incloses a statement of work already done and requests allowance of $2000. | 11/23 |
| " | | " 27 | Railway Congress of Washington Enc's note to Min for FA. in accordance with Circ of Oct 19. | 11/28 |
| C | 20 | " 23 | Interpreter of Legation. Increase of salary to $3000 and change of title to Japanese Secretary recommended. Refers to 605 of '01. | 11/28 |
| John W. Ferguson, Jr. Esq. | | Nov. 2 | Arrival at Washington this day reported; left post Sept 26. Address Ferguson Bldg Pittsburgh. | 11/2 |
| Lloyd Griscom, Esq. | 21 | " 5 | Birthday of the Emperor. Enc's note conveying felicitations dated 3d of Nov. | 12/7 |
| C | 22 | " 6 | Claim of the American Trading Co. (Whiskey case). Amb's Min's tel. of Nov. 5; suggestion of arbitration had already been offered and met with slight favor, and direct settlement was therefore pressed at interview with Min for FA who promises to do all in his power to expedite reply of Min for Finance; suggests that pressure be brought on Jap Legation at Wash. | 12/7 |
| C Tel | | " 7 | Extradition of Saburo Adachi. "Your tel of the 6th inst. Japanese Govt is prevented by Imperial Ordinance from granting such extradition unless the Govt of the U.S. signifies its readiness to reciprocally surrender American citizens under similar circumstances. | |
| C | 23 | " 11 | Same subject. Text of tel. from and to Dept. and of note to Min for FA. promising reciprocity. Incloses Imperial Ordinance referred to in tel. of Nov 7 and reports arrest of Adachi at Yokohama | 12/7 |
| C | 24 | " 14 | Insurance Companies. Deposit required of foreign. The New York Life has reached a private agreement, accepting the condition of depositing 10% of premiums when reserve exceeds the original deposit; the Mutual and Equitable while willing to deposit sufficient amount to secure policy holders still object to deposit on reserve. States terms of agreement with the New York and Enc's protest from the other two Cos. | 12/15 |
| C | 25 | " 21 | Naval Hospital at Yokohama. Lot of ground, mentioned in Inst. 5, can be acquired by transfer from present lessee but without any privilege other than that which goes with the present. States terms on which transfer of lease can be effected. | 12/15 |
| C | 26 | " 24 | Immigration Laws of U.S. Charges of, by Japanese Emigration Co. Allegations in Enc. 10 are denied by the Pres't of the Central Association and exposed as proven by the investigation of the several Consuls. Enc's correspondence in the matter | 12/15 |
| C Tel | | " 28 | Monopoly of manufactured tobacco. Representations have been made as directed by tel. of Nov 20. Min for FA replies that the measure has been approved by the Emperor and that changes can only be made by the Diet to which it has been submitted. | 11/28 |
| C Tel | | " 29 | Visit of Persia's 2d Grand Vizier to the U.S. Grand Vizier of Persia is expected here from India at some future date but his arrival here is not yet reported. | 12/29 |
| C | | " 30 | Same subject. Tel of 28th from to Dept. Proposes entertainment for the Ala Beg Azam in the event of his visiting the U.S. | 12/30 |
| C | | Dec 1 | Directions and forms of hunting licenses forwarded. Rpts. | 12/10 |
| C | 28 | " 5 | Insurance Companies. Deposit required of foreign. Ref to Inst 14 and Enc's. Explanatory statement issued by the Japanese Govt and exceptions taken thereto by the Equitable, Mutual Life Companies of the U.S. and memorandums of the Legation of the Netherlands. | 12/30 |
| C | 29 | " 7 | Monopoly of manufactured tobacco. Reports action taken on Min's tel. of Nov. 20 as reported in tel. of Nov. 28, refers to previous correspondence rel. to the rights of the American tobacco Company, encloses memo. of the Brit Min. to the F.O. and principal articles of the Bill which is now before the Diet but meeting with some opposition | 12/30 |

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| Japan | | | 1903. | | |
| Lloyd C. Griscom, Ch. d'Aff. | | 30 | Dec 11 | Diet of Japan opened on Dec 10 and immediately dissolved after it refused to reconsider vote of censure of the Govt.- Em's Speech of the Emperor | 1/4 |
| John M. Ferguson, 2nd Sec. | c | — | " 14 | Leave of 60 days from June requested | 1/15 |
| Lloyd C. Griscom, Ch. d'Aff. | c | — | " 16 | Thanks of Jap Govt to U.S. Cons. Agt. at Vladivostock for assistance given to sailors of the Ishikawa Maru in their trial before a Russian Court: note from M. of Fd Affs | 1/21 |
| | F.R. 03 c | Tel | " 18 | Difficulty with Russia. "Refg to my despatch of Sept. 21st. Min. for Fd. informs me that the Russian reply has been rec'd and is most unsatisfactory. It treats solely of Corea and ignores Manchuria. Jap Govt will request Russia to reconsider." | 1/18 |
| | F.R. 03 c | 31 | " 21 | Same subject. Confirms foregoing and reports conversation with Min for Fd. who however did not disclose the position of Russia merely stating that of Japan. Substance of the Russian reply as stated by the British Minister. | 1/21 |
| Huntington Wilson, Sec'y | c | — | " 24 | Leave of 60 days to visit the U.S. in February requested | 1/21 |
| | c | Tel. | " 29 | Leave of absence of Mr. Ferguson approved by him (tel Dec. 14) | 1/29 |
| | F.R. 03 c | 32 | " 30 | Subsidy to the Sea Guild of Japan - Investigation, in compliance with Inst. #445 and 3 of 1903, shows the complaint of the Americans interested, in general well founded - Encls Memo's to & from the F.O. and before addressing formal objections to the Jap Govt, desires further instructions - | 1/29 |
| | c | — | " 31 | Imperial Ordinances relating to the Seoul-Fusan Ry, & the Mil. Adpr. & the Council of War - Encls clippings containing four - of interest in view of the present situation - | |
| | F.R. 04 c | 33 | " 31 | Wreck of the Am. ship "Benjamin Sewall" and the killing of some of her crew by Formosan savages - Encls corresp. with the F.O. rel to the, showing that an investigation is in progress. R. to Dept. 30. | 1/29 |
| | F.R. 03 c | Tel | " 31 | Difficulty with Russia. Interview with Min for Fd. - makes it appear that Japan is bent on resorting to war if Russia's reply to Japan's memorandum is not both satisfactory and prompt. Mediation by France and the U.S. suggested | 1/ |
| | Tel | 1904 Jan 1 | | Same subject. "Your tels of the 30th and 31st have been received. The former was answered yesterday as soon as I could obtain interview with the Min. for Fd. | 1/ |
| | c | Tel | " 5 | Same subject. Intervention or mediation by, other powers will be emphatically opposed by Japan for stated reasons: Japan, in the event of war, wishes China to remain neutral. | 1/5 |
| | c | Tel | " 5 | Same subject. The cabinet met yesterday but I am informed took no definite action. The reply of Russia has not been received." | |
| | c | Tel | " 7 | Visit of the grand vizier of Persia to the U.S. His departure and Sec'y Root's arrival announced | 1/7 |
| | — | | " 8 | Attentions to Gov. and Mrs Taft by the Emperor and Empress. Cons. Empl's thereof | 1/19 |
| | F.R. 04 c | Tel. | " 8 | Difficulty with Russia. Text of two points presented by Russia in her reply received on the 7th: Japan wishes views of the U.S. on the provision excluding foreign settlements from Manchuria | 1/8 |
| | c | Tel | " 10 | Extradition "Asachi was released yesterday at midnight. Before his release I requested that he be placed under police surveillance with understanding he be arrested on arrival of papers." | 1/10 |
| | c | Tel | " 11 | Same subject. "Fm Dept. assures me Asachi will be watched by police and reconveyed upon arrival of papers. In event of his trying to leave Japan they will withhold passport and endeavor to block him." | 1/11 |
| | c | Tel | " 11 | Difficulty with Russia. "No reply has been sent as yet by Japan to Russia. I am informed that the Japanese Govt has not determined on a course of action. Min for Fd promises to notify me of the despatch of reply. The newspapers are denied all information by the Jap Govt and their despatches are absolutely untrustworthy. The Jap Govt is giving first information to Brit. Min and me and I will telegraph immediately any information can be reliably known." | |
| | c | Tel | " 11 | Same subject. "A council of the Ministers, the elder statesmen and the leading military and naval officers now being held and is probably determining the action to be taken by the Jap Govt in view of the Russian reply. Another meeting to called for to-morrow to be held in the presence of the Emperor" | |
| | c | 34 | " 11 | Same subject. Ens's tels to and from the Min. reports change of attitude of the Council of "Elder Statesmen" from peace to war, and discusses the situation and position of Jap Govt | 2/2 |
| | F.R. 04 c | Tel | " 13 | Same subject. Reply of Japan to Russia has been decided on and will be communicated to the Russian Govt by the Jap. Minister. Incloses confidential memorandum handed him by Min for Fd. and stating Jap's final demands. Japan's time limit is fixed for an answer and Japan will wait a reasonable time | |

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| Japan | | | | |
| Lloyd C. Griscom Esq | — | Jan 13 | Disaster of Chicago—Em's note expressing appreciation of the Emp's sympathy. | 1/18. |
| | c Tel | " 14 | Difficulty with Russia. Text of Japan's reply was shown to Min Griscom by British Minister. It contains a refusal on the part of Japan to give any assurance that she would not exercise the right to build fortifications in Korea for strategic purposes, a point omitted in memorandum handed him & his com by Pelletan for F.O. | 1/14 |
| | c Tel | " 11 | Same subject. "The Jap. Govt has taken 30 merchant vessels as a transport service. These are being armed as auxiliary cruisers." | 1/11 |
| | c Tel | " 15 | Same subject. "The Jap. Govt. is going ahead more actively than ever with war preparations. The big Jap. merchant steamships are being stopped at Singapore, Shanghai and elsewhere and recalled to enter Govt transport service. Over 200000 tons of shipping have already been taken over." | 1/15. |
| | c Tel | " 15 | Same subject. "The best opinion here is that however the Japan Russia negotiations may end the treatment of Korea is such that the conditions there are likely to be disturbed and occasion of Minister Allen somewhat exposed." | 1/15. |
| | c Tel | " 19 | Same subject. Attitude of Japan toward the question of foreign settlements in Manchuria coincides with that stated in Dept's tel. of Jan 18. | 1/19 |
| | c 35 | " 18. | Extradition of Hadachi Saburo. Encl. text of tel. and corresp. rel. to the. | 2/8. |
| | c Tel | " 19 | Difficulty with Russia. Reports from Jap Min indicate that the war party is losing ground with the Czar who is said by M. Witte to leave nothing undone for the end of peace. | |
| | c Tel | " 18 | Insurance Companies. Deposit required of. Reports that Govt has decided to approve, on treaty grounds and asks whether he may join in opposition. The Mutual and Equitable have ostensibly withdrawn from business, but the latter seems indisposed to wait. | 1/18. |
| | c 36 | " 21 | Same subject. Text of tels to & from Dept. | 2/8. |
| | c 37 | " 21 | Difficulty with Russia. Reviews course of events since his 34; encloses text of tels to & from Dept and of memorandum handed him by Min for F.A. | 2/8. |
| | c Tel. | " 23 | Same subject. "The political situation here continues without particular developments. Everything now depending on decision at St Petersburg. Such reports has have reached here indicate that the Czar is now under the influence of the war party. The Min for F.A. asked me to tell him what the American Ambassador at St Petersburg reports. | 1/23 |
| | 38 | " 25 | Telegram, undelivered, of the 22d/23 appears to have been lost in transit under Russian administration. Cost of the tel has been refunded to the Legation Rs 443. | 2/20 |
| | c 39 | " 25 | Repairs to legation and grounds. Account for, encl'd | 2/20 |
| I. & m | Tel | " 27 | Difficulty between Russia and Japan. "Min. for F.A. has intimated to the Russian Min. that an answer to the Jap. note verbale of Jan 16th is now about due." | 1/27 |
| | c Tel | " 28. | Same subject. "In reply to an inquiry of the Jap. Min. Count Lamsdorff stated that a decision in regard to an answer to the Jap. note verbale of Jan 16 would be made today at a council in the presence of the Czar and that he would endeavor to expedite the answer." | 1/28. |
| | c Tel | " 29 | Same subject. The Brit. Min. has rec'd from St Petersburg a report which he considers reliable that the Russian reply will be sent to morrow and will concede all the Jap demands. | 1/29 |
| | c 40 | " 29 | Same subject. Confirms tel and reports casualty to a Japanese warvessel | 2/20 |
| | c Tel | " 27 | Insurance Companies. "After some argument Jap Govt. now asks deposit of 200000 yens from each foreign life | 1/27 |
| | c 41 | " 29 | Red Cross Association of Japan. Report and pubs transmitted. | 2/20. |
| | c Tel | " 31 | Difficulty between Russia and Japan. "Confidential Jap. Min. at St Petersburg reports that the Russian answer will not be sent before next Thursday when another Imp Council will be held. The delay is straining the patience of the Jap Govt almost to the breaking point." | 1/31 |
| | c Tel | Feb. 4 | Same subject. "No answer has yet come from Russia. The Council of Ministers and Elder Statesmen has been holding long sessions yesterday and to day. It seems evident some very important decision is being arrived at. The F.O. has made public an official tel. announcing the departure of the Russian fleet from Port Arthur for unknown destinations. | 2/4 |
| I. & m | c Tel | " 5 | Same subject. Confidential. It is doubtful whether even a favorable reply from Russia can now prevent war. The Jap. Govt. evidently has determined that it has waited longer than is reasonable and warlike preparations are being rushed as if dip. relations might be broken off at any moment. | |

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| Lloyd C. Griscom Esq. U.S.M.C. | Tel | Feb. 6 | Difficulty between Russia and Japan. "It is reported on good authority that a part of the Jap. fleet sailed yesterday for Chemulpo convoying a brigade of troops to protect Japanese interests in Seoul. Yesterday seven divisions of the army were mobilized and the reserves called to join the colors. The Russian fleet has returned to Port Arthur." | |
| F.R.M. | C Tel | " 6 | Same subject. "Confidential. The Min. for F.A. informs me that the Jap. Min. at St Petersburg has been instructed to present a note to the Russian Govt. terminating the negotiations and to break off dip. relations and at once withdraw the legation. The full text of the note will be presented to you by the Jap. Min. at Washington, so I refrain from telegraphing it. No reply came from Russia." | 2/6. |
| | C Tel | " 6 | Same subject. Conversation with Min. for F.A. rel. to intention to declare war after the withdrawal of the legation which will probably take two or three days but not to begin hostilities until after such declaration; statement that Russia was asked five times to expedite reply before relations were broken off and regarding the respective strength of naval forces. | 2/6 |
| F.R.M. | C Tel | " 7 | Same subject. "The Russian Minister will leave on the 12th instant." | 2/6 |
| | C Tel | " 8 | Secretary of legation. "I think it advisable Ferguson should return." | 2/7 |
| | C 42 | " 8 | Insurance Companies. Deposit required of foreign, has finally been reduced to 150000 yen, 50000 of which may be paid within six months. The arrangement is generally considered satisfactory and likely to be permanent. | 2/8. |
| | C 43 | " 8 | Difficulty between Russia and Japan. Reviews progress of events as cabled from time to time, Emi's text of tel. and of note delivered by Jap. Min. at St Petersburg on breaking off relations; naval and military operations already begun by Japan | 3/2 |
| | C Tel. | " 9 | War between Russia and Japan. "Four battalions of Japanese troops landed yesterday at Chemulpo. There were two Russian war vessels still in the port. Both Seoul and Chemulpo are comparatively quiet." | 2/9 |
| F.R.M. | C Tel | " 9 | Same subject. "The Min. for F.A. has given me a copy of an official tel. announcing the beginning of hostilities. A naval engagement was begun to day at noon outside the harbor of Chemulpo. The Jap. squadron sank the Russian gunboat Corietz at forenoon PM. and overcame the cruiser Varing. The tel. alleges that the Russian gunboat brought on the hostilities by firing upon Jap torpedo boats yesterday evening." | 2/9 |
| | C Tel | " 10 | Same subject. Report of the naval battle at Port Arthur from Japanese Consul at Chefoo at 11 PM. of Feb 8. No loss of life on the Jap. side at the battle of Chemulpo | 2/10 |
| | C Tel | " 10 | Same subject. "The official proclamation declaring war against Russia will be proclaimed to night." | 2/10 |
| F.R.M. | C Tel | " 11 | Same subject. "I am officially informed of the declaration of war. The proclamation was issued late last night and is dated Feb 10." | 2/11 |
| | C Tel | " 12 | Claim of the American Trading Co. (whiskey case) Japanese Govt. is ready to settle and will consider any reasonable terms offered as a compromise, with the understanding that no principle is conceded | 2/12 |
| | C Tel | " 12 | War between Russia and Japan. Neutrality of China. Text of Japanese note declaring that she will be respected by Japan, if Russia will do likewise. | 2/12 |
| | C Tel | " 13 | Same subject. Permission for U.S. military officers to accompany the Japanese army in the field. Japanese Govt withholds its reply but will probably grant. | 2/13 |
| | HH | " 15 | Same subject. Text of tels. from and to Dept and of notes from etc Min. for F.A. | 2/17 |
| | " | " 17 | Errors in deciphering legation's tel. of Jan 8 brought to the attention of the Dept | 2/17 |
| Huntington Wilson, Secy | " | " 16 | Return to post. Departure will be made Feb 23; left Washington Feb 10. | 2/17 |
| Lloyd C. Griscom U.S.M.C. | 45 | " 17 | War between China and Japan. Neutrality of China. Text of tels. from and to Dept and of notes to and from Min. for F.A. Interview with the latter reported | 2/17 |
| | 46 | " 15 | Exposition. Lewis and Clark Centennial. Invitation in lieu of Jan 8 has been delivered | 2/15 |
| | C 47 | " 18 | War between Russia and Japan. Cisco's tels. to the Dept rel. to the outbreak of the war and gives fuller particulars of the two naval battles, minor military and naval operations, comments on the remarkable preparedness of the Japanese, success of the war loan and apparent feeling in Japan | 2/17 |
| F.R.M. | C 48 | " 18 | Same subject. Declaration of war, of contraband of war, of [illegible] | 2/17 |

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| Japan | | | | | |
| Lloyd C. Griscom, Esq. | | #9 | Feb 20. | War with Russia. Neutrality of China. Notes exchanged between the Chinese Minister at Tokyo and the Min. of F.A. in regard to the respective attitude of both powers. | 3/17 |
| | c | Tel | " 19 | Same subject. Military attaché's of Lit. Nd. "The Jap. Govt will permit four American officers to accompany the army as requested." | 3/19 |
| | c | 50 | " 20 | Same subject. Confirms the foregoing and incls note from F.O. explaining that the rules being still under consideration further notice in that respect will be given. | 3/17 |
| | c | 51 | " 20 | Same subject. Visits of foreign war vessels to zones declared to be in a state of siege may be forbidden or cut short by military officers. Note from F.O. incl. | 3/17 |
| | c | " | " 20 | Safety of foreigners at Fusan threatened by Jap. soldiers. Encl letter of Customs Inspector Pegorini to the Italian Minister at Tokyo and the latter's letter to Min. Hanihara, reports measures taken by Japanese Govt to prevent injury to foreigners. | 3/17 |
| | c | " | " 23 | Exposition of St. Louis. Photos of legation building for like, forwarded | 3/19 |
| | c | Tel | " 22 | Claim of the American Trading Co (Whiskey Case) Min. authorized to withdraw the whiskey claim formally on receipt of ¥115000 American dollars." | 3/22 |
| | c | Tel | " 22 | Military attaché's. "The War office gives me to understand that our officers had better come to Tokyo. They will probably be assigned to different armies leaving at different times." | 3/22 |
| | c | 52 | " 23 | Same subject. Text of tels from and to Dept | 3/17 |
| | c | 53 | " 25 | Consular supplies. Applications for free entry should be made thro' the legation. Rec Dec 11. | 3/26. |
| | c | Tel | " 24 | Claim of the American Trading Co. "I have received ¥115000 from the Jap. Govt. in settlement of the whiskey claim." | 3/24. |
| | c | 54 | " 29 | Same subject. Check for ¥115000, form of receipt and text of tels. encl'd. | 3/26. |
| | c | Tel | " 25 | Extradition. "Asachi extradited. Sailed yesterday with Nd. Marshal Steamer Siberia." | 3/25. |
| | c | Tel | " 25 | Cable from Japan. Request of Min. for F.A. for permission to land at Guam, transmitted | 3/25. |
| | c | Tel | " 25 | Corea. Protectorate of Japan. "Min. for F.A. has handed me the text of a protocol signed at Seoul on the 23d instant between Japan and Korea establishing a protectorate over Korea. The full text has been cabled to the Japanese Minister at Washington and will be presented you by him." | 3/25. |
| | c | Tel | " 26 | Hakodate. Protection of Americans &c. "It seems to me advisable either to ask Brit U. Consul to look after American interests Hakodate during war or appoint American Agent." | 3/26. |
| | c | Tel | " 26 | Naval Attaché Observer. "The Jap. Govt. declines to let Lieut. Gillis go on war vessel but will give him information at headquarters." | 3/26. |
| | c | Tel | " 27 | Attack on Port Arthur. "Official report of Admiral Kamimura, second in command Japanese fleet states on 23d instant sank purposely five merchant steamers near mouth Port Arthur harbor. On 25th instant the main fleet bombarded Port Arthur for half hour. Three Russian vessels were outside harbor showing attempt to block the channel failed. No casualties." | 3/29 |
| | c | 55 | Mar 5 | Extradition of Saburo Asachi. Confirms tel of Feb 25 and incls corres re to surrender | 4/5. |
| | c | Tel | " 11 | Hakodate. "King recognized Consular Agent Hakodate pending arrival Exequatur of appointment." | 3/11 |
| | c | " | " 12 | Protection of Panama interests by Col Consular Officers. Assent of Japan to the | 4/5. |
| | c | " | " 12 | Return of Second Secretary Ferguson to his post reported (on the 8th of March) | 4/5. |
| | c | " | " 12 | Naval Attaché Observer. Refusal of Jap. Govt. to allow Lieut Gillis on board Russian vessel. A room in the Imperial at Tokyo is assigned to all foreign officers. Confirms tel of Feb 26 and incls note from Min for FA. | 4/5. |
| | | 56 | " 12 | War with Russia. Neutrality of China. Incls text of Def's Al. and note communicating the same to the Japanese Govt | 4/5. |
| | | 57 | " 14 | Same subject. Landing of a cable from Japan at Guam. Confirms tel. of Feb 25. | 4/5. |
| | c | " | " 14 | Elections to the Diet took place on March 1. Summary of the returns. | 4/5. |
| F.R. '04 | c | " | " 14 | Murder of shipwrecked seamen of the "Benjamin Sewall". Incls note from Min for FA. relating efforts of a strong detachment of police to find out and arrest the guilty natives on the island of Bell Tobago, and expressing regret at the occurrence | 4/5. |
| | c | 58 | " 14 | Hakodate. Incls text of tels to and from Dept and corres with Min for FA. relative to the appointment of Edward Selmon King as Consular Agent at | 4/5. |
| | c | 59 | " 17 | Financial and fiscal measures adopted and contemplated by the Jap. Govt to meet the expenses of the war include a loan already floated, increase of taxation direct and indirect, monopoly of tobacco and retrenchment in | 4/5. |

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| Lloyd C. Griscom E.E. & M.P. | 60 | Mar 17 | Korea. Protectorate of Japan over. Confirms tel. of Feb 25; future relations of the two countries will largely depend on the outcome of the war but Japan is believed to be honest in its profession to maintain the independence and integrity of Korea | |
| C | ~ | | Visit of Marquis Ito to Korea. He represents the Court only and the Govt. appears to have sent him on that mission more for the purpose of being relieved of his presence at Tokyo at the meeting of the Diet | 4/5. |
| | Tel | " 17 | War with Russia. Neutrality of China. Quotes note from Min for F.A. expressing gratification at success of efforts of the U.S. in the interest of peace and order in China | 4/7 |
| E.E. & M.P. | C1 | " 17 | Same subject. Confirms foregoing and encl. note therein quoted | 4/7 |
| | ~ | " 23 | Refuses to recognize Consul Hound. Withdrawal of the exequatur unnecessary as | 4/25 |
| C | 62 | " 24 | Military Attachés Observers. No further application will be granted by Japan | 4/27 |
| C | 63 | " 25 | Naval Attaché, additional. Jap Govt will not recognize more than one attaché of each service in any legation but will attach Lieut. Gillis to Imperial Headquarters. Refers to tel. of Feb 13. Refers to Desp of Mar 12. | 4/27 |
| C | 64 | " 25. | Prisoners of War. Intelligence Bureau for has been established by Japan in accordance with the Hague Convention. Encls note setting forth facilities and privileges accorded to mail matter money orders and postal parcels for such prisoners | 4/29 |
| C | Tel | " 30 | Visit of Prince Fushimi to the U.S. "Prince Fushimi Fushimi sailed to day St. Louis for San Francisco. He asked that authorities be notified at San Francisco and also Honolulu where he remains one day." | 3/30 |
| C | 65. | " 31 | Confirms the foregoing. | 4/7 |
| C | 66 | Apl 2. | War with Russia. Financial measures proposed by the Govt have all been passed by the Diet, including the tobacco monopoly and consumption tax on Kerosene. The Diet adjourned Mar 30 Encls speech from the Throne, Speech of Min for F.A. reviewing negotiations with Russia and White book containing correspondence with same subject. | 4/27 |
| C | Tel | " 6. | Tobacco Monopoly Bill creating this was rushed by the Diet which unexpectedly changed compensation from three years' income to one fifth of one year's sale of products and promulgated on April 1st. Reports interviews with Min for F.A. and asks what further action he is to take. | 4/6. |
| C | 67 | " 6 | Same subject. Text of tel. from and to Dept; makes a full statement of the efforts of the legation to secure more advantageous compensation for American interests, and Encls text of article rel. to compensation as proposed by the Govt and amended in the Diet. | 4/27 |
| C | 68 | " 8 | Military Attachés, Observers. Regulations applicable to the foreign. Encl | 5/7 |
| C | 69 | " 11 | Port opened to trade. Wakamatsu has been declared a port for the export of coal and manufactures of iron and the importation of iron ore. | 5/7 |
| C | 70 | " 18 | Petroleum Duties on, and its products. Transmits information req'd by Circ. of Mar 4. | 5/7 |
| C | ~ | " | War taxes in Japan. Encl's compilation of | 5/16 |
| C | 71 | " 22 | Congress of Military Surgeons. Japan may be represented at this by a Naval Officer but cannot send any Army officer. | 5/16 |
| C | 72 | " 26 | Shemanpo. Appointment of a Consular Officer of the U.S. is objected to by Japanese Govt. the place being at present one of the principal bases of military operations. | 5/16. |
| C | Tel | " 26. | Visit of Philippine Commissioners. "The Min. for F.A. desires me to state that he did not express desire set forth in your tel. of the 24th instant. Only unofficial courtesies could be extended Philippine Comrs. It is not desirable that they should land at Nagasaki and travel overland to Yokohama owing to disorganization of railroads. The Govt will be glad to arrange that the Commissioners be welcomed by the Boards of Trade at Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama where they can land for the day from the Steamer." | 4/26 |
| | 73 | " 28 | Hasledate. Exequatur has been forwarded to Con. Agt. Kingsat. | 5/16 |
| | ~ | " 28 | Typewriting machine requested | 5/16 |
| C | ~ | " 25 | Counsel of Legation. Geo. H. Scidmore has been engaged as, as authorized by letter of Mar 8, at a salary of $2750 per annum | 5/16 |
| | ~ | May 4 | Blank Record book requested | 6/1 |
| C | ~ | " 4 | Book "The Russo Japanese War" for the President and the Secretary forwarded | 6/1 |
| C | ~ | " 5 | Congress on Education. Dr. Inokuma will represent Japan at the. | 6/1 |

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| Japan | | | | |
| Lloyd C. Griscom Dft MC | 74 | May 5 | Newspaper correspondent Washburn of the Chicago Daily News will be allowed the same privileges as the London Times re the use of his dispatch boat "Fawn". Reply to tel. of Apl 30. | 6/1 |
| c | 75 | " 7 | Claim of the American Trading Co (Whiskey Case) Receipt in Jno. 48 has been delivered to Min. for FA. | 6/1 |
| c | Tel | " 7 | War between Russia and Japan "Min for FA informs me Division Japanese Army safely landed near town Kinchow on Liaotung Peninsula" | 5/7 |
| c | 76 | " 9 | Wreck of the Benjamin Sewall. Enc's note to Min for FA in accordance with Jno. 51. | 6/1 |
| | 77 | " 12 | Visit of the Philippine Commissioners. Text of tels. from and to Secy. The Commissioners were hospitably entertained at the various places where they stopped on their way to Seoul. | 6/6 |
| c | 78 | " 19 | Seizure of 700 cases of evaporated cream, is denied by Govr of Nagasaki; Rto 46. | 6/6. |
| c | 79 | " 19 | Whereabouts Lafcadio Hearn is at 265 Nishi Okubo. mura, Toyotamiagori, Tokyo. Rto 54 | 6/6 |
| c | Tel | " 19 | Monopoly of the tobacco trade. "The reply of the Jap. Govt. to my note embodying your tel. of the 4th inst. expresses intention to emulsify all premises buildings machines apparatus and raw material owned by Murai Company exclusively employed for tobacco manufacture excluding branch offices and Oriental Printing Company Kyoto to which contract for Govt printing will be given to prevent any loss. The allowance for goodwill is declared to be in the nature of a gratuity and will be paid in bonds at face value. Foreign and native manufacturers will be treated alike and the great majority are declared to be satisfied with the provisions of the monopoly. On 27 April, the Min of Finance informally gave Parrish and me to understand that as soon as a way could be found the Govt would take over the Oriental Printing Co. I understand this would make a difference of nearly $1,000,000 yen." | 5/7 |
| c | 80 | " 19 | Same subject. Confirms foregoing, reports interview with Agent of the Tobacco Co Parrish, and views expressed by him, Enc's memo. handed to FO by Private Minister, his own note to the Min for FA. and the latter's reply, and text of the law providing for the payment of the indemnity in Treasury bonds. | 6/6. |
| c | ~ | " 23 | Congress on Electricity. Japan will not be represented | 6/27 |
| c | ~ | " 24 | Safety of American property at Newchwang Apt's "30 and Enc's note from Min. for FA renewing assurance that American life and property will be respected and protected by Japanese forces, as far as practicable, within military limits. | 6/27 |
| c | Tel | " 27 | War between Russia and Japan "Officially reported Japanese captured Kinchow morning of 26th. Now advancing Southward." | 6/27 |
| c | 81 | " 28 | Same subject. Confirms the foregoing | 6/27 |
| c | Tel | " 28 | Same subject. Blockade of Liaotung Peninsula. "The Jap. Govt declared on the 26th instant that the entire coast of Liaotung Peninsula with the exception South of a straight line drawn between Kotenwo and Pulantien is in a state of blockade." | 5/28. |
| c | 82 | " 30 | Same subject. Confirms the foregoing and Enc's note from FO. | 6/27 |
| c | 83 | June 2 | Extradition of Saburo Adachi. Bill of costs and expenses ened | 6/27 |
| c | ~ | " 2 | Dental Congress of St Louis. Japan will not send delegates | 6/27 |
| c | ~ | " 2 | Pure Food Congress of St Louis. Same as above | 6/27 |
| | Tel | " 1 | Promotion. "Col Seldon A. Day accepts." | 6/1 |
| c | Tel | " 2 | Monopoly of tobacco trade. "Ref to your Dis" 36 of the 4th ult., the Min for FA today informed me, in response to renewed representations that there is no power in Japan under the Constitution, which can prevent the execution of the tobacco monopoly measure, nor can any hope be entertained that future legislation will increase the compensation of tobacco manufacturers." | 6/2 |
| c | 84 | " 6 | Shipping law of 1899. English text of the, forwarded | 6/27 |
| Huntington Wilson Actg | ~ | " 6 | Return to post this day reported; left Baltimore on May 8. | 5/8 |
| Lloyd C. Griscom E&MP | ~ | " 11 | Congress on Good Roads at St Louis. Japan will not be represented | 7/8. |
| c | Tel | " 11 | Leave for 2nd Secy John M. Ferguson to visit the US. on account of father's illness and reply by cable requested. | 6/11 |
| c | 85 | " 11 | Treaties of Japan with China, Korea and Russia forwd as instructed in Dis 44. | 7/c |

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| Japan | | | | |
| Lloyd C. Griscom, Esq. | 86 | June 14. | Extradition Treaty, Supplementary, including embezzlement and bribery. Japanese Govt agrees to a, in principle, and will begin negotiations when full powers are received from the Dept. Bribery under rec'd Japanese law has no such wide scope as in the U.S. R. to 82. | 7/8. |
| | c 87 | " 14. | Wreck of the "Benjamin Sewall" Enc's note to Min for For. Aff. communicating suggestions in Inst. 53 for the restraint of barbarous natives of Formosa | 7/8 |
| | 88 | " 14 | Newspapers for legation N.Y. Tribune and San Fr. Chronicle requested | 7/8 |
| | c 89 | " 14 | Monopoly of Tobacco trade. Acts "56 and reports his action as telegraphed June 2; representative of tobacco interests declares himself satisfied with manner in which the business is being taken over by Jap. Govt and fears that further or two vigorous representations will only prejudice the latter's interests. | 7/8. |
| | c Tel | June 15 | Whereabouts of War Correspondent Hector Fuller "Foreign Office telegraph reported Fuller landed vicinity Port Arthur, about 12th Japanese authorities have no information at present" | 6/15 |
| | c Tel | " 17 | Same subject "Washburn, Chicago News states, Fuller arrested Port Arthur 13th inst." | |
| | c Tel | " 18 | Visit of Mr. Peirce to Legation. States that Mr. P. was rec'd by Emperor officials with marked cordiality | |
| | c Tel | " 20 | "Will you allow £500 repairs Secretary home." | |
| | c Tel | " 24 | Newspaper Correspondents. Min. for For. Aff. informs him that movements of, depend entirely on military authorities | |
| | c Tel | " 25 | Russo. Jap War. "Togo reports officially Russian fleet issued fr. Port Arthur 23d inst. was engaged by Japanese. One Russian battle-ship sunk, several badly damaged." | |
| | c Tel | " 25 | Whereabouts of War Corresp. Hector Fuller. "Correspondent Fuller has returned Chefoo" | |
| | c 90 | " 25 | Same subject. Acts Secy of State's tel of 15th inst. Confirms his tels. of 15th, 17th & 20th inst. Encloses correspondence to & from Jap. Govt & tels exchanged betw Legation & U.S. Cons. Chefoo. in re | 7/8 |
| | c 91 | " 25 | Japanese Seal for St Louis Exp. Jap. Govt unwilling to furnish imprint of. | 7/18 |
| | c " | " 28 | Fishing privileges, reciprocal. Encls notice of agreem't betw Jap & Korean Govts re rights | 7/18 |
| | c 92 | " 28 | Official visits of Jap. naval and dipl. officers, usage of; transmits extracts from Jap. naval regulations rel to. Refers to Dept's of May 13. | 7/18 |
| | c 93 | " 28 | Agreement betw China & Japan, by which the former binds herself not to cede any part of Fukien province to any Foreign Power. Encls docs. as requested in Dept's | 7/18 |
| | c " | " 28 | Prisoners of war. Detailed regulations for treatment of, encls copy of as published by Jap. Dept. of War | 7/18 |
| | c " | " 29 | Publication. Transmits two copies of Part II of "The Russo-Japanese War" for presentation to President & Sec of State. | 7/18 |
| | c 94 | " 30 | Visit of Mr Peirce to 3d Asst Secy to Tokio. Gives particulars of his reception by Emperor & Ministers of For. Aff. of Japan. | 7/18 |
| | c 95 | " 30 | Newspaper correspondents. Acts Dept's tel of 23d inst & confirms his of 24th inst. Gives details of his efforts to obtain permission for, to go to the front. | 7/18 |
| | c " | July 1 | Departure of Second Secy Ferguson for U.S. on leave, reported | 7/30 |
| | c " | " 5 | Congress of Veterinary Surgeons. P. Iwano will represent Japan at the | 7/30 |
| | " | " 5 | Library Conference at St Louis. Japan will not be represented | 7/30. |
| | c 96 | " 5 | Bonds of the recent Japanese 6% loan will be accepted as the legal reserve deposit required of foreign insurance Co's at the rate of 950 yen per 100 £. | 7/30. |
| | c 97 | " 6 | Newspaper correspondent Hector Fuller will not be allowed to join the Japanese forces on account of his visit to the Russian side. | 7/30 |
| | " | " 6 | Tamsui. Exequatur has been forwarded to Consul Fisher. Rec'd 60 | 7/30 |
| | c Tel | " 10 | Russo-Jap War. "Officially reported Japanese second army captured Kaiping town yesterday" | 7/12 |
| | c 98 | " 11 | Legation premises. Yen 1000 per for repairs and maintenance of, requested. | 8/8. |
| | Tel | " 11 | Foreign Military Attachés and newspaper correspondents. "Imperial Staff announces that foreign military attachés assigned to second army will go to front about 20th inst and press correspondents 22d." | 7/14 |
| | c " | " 12 | Geographic Congress (8th International) Encl's letter fr. Min For. Aff. July 8, 04, stating that Japan Govt cannot send special delegate, but that Dr. T. Hara of Tokio, now in Am. will attend. | 8/8. |
| | c 99 | " 12 | Stand claims of Geo. Lake. Encls. further correspc fr. Edw. Lake and A.W. Tenney, his attorneys awaits further instructions. Refers to Dept's "410, Jan 1903. | 8/8. |
| | c " | " 15 | Exposition of St Louis. Bills for photos of the legation encl. | 8/8. |
| | c " | " 18 | Parcels Post Convention between the U.S. and Japan was promulgated in Official Gazette of the 15th | 8/8. |

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| Japan | | | | |
| Lloyd C. Griscom, Ellis M. C. | Tel | July 21 | War with Russia. "Report that Russian Vladivostock fleet has passed Tsugaru Straits into the Pacific officially confirmed. Present whereabouts unknown." | 8/21 |
| | C Tel | " 25 | Same subject. "Vladivostock fleet off Idzu Peninsula yesterday sank British Steamer consigned American Trading Co." | 7/25. |
| | C Tel | " 27 | Same subject. "Oku reports capture Tashikiao 25th inst. after two days' severe fighting with Russian forces numbering five divisions assisted by sixteen batteries artillery. Jap. casualties estimated about two. Yingkow also occupied." | 7/27 |
| | C Tel | " 28 | Sinking of the "Knight Commander" by Russian fleet. Reply to my tel. of 25th announcing sinking of British vessel Knight Commander, Brit. legation has formally examined her crew. Testimony shows that Russians inquired whether vessel had coal enough to steam to Vladivostock and immediately sank her upon being told that she had not. Cargo was largely materials for Japanese Railroad in Korea." | 7/28. |
| | C Tel | " 28 | Same subject. "The Korea arrived safely at Yokohama this morning." | 7/28. |
| | C 100 | " 28 | Land claim of Geo. W. Lafler: Refers to 99 and encloses statement of value and other correspondence furnished by N. W. St Ivor | 8/23 |
| | C 101 | " 28 | Treaties and agreements of Japan with Korea and China, transmits additional | 8/23 |
| | | " 29 | Bowes for Legation. Two Editions of Wheaton's International Law requested | 8/25 |
| | C Tel. | " 30. | War between Russia and Japan. "Officially reported Russian squadron has reentered Tsugaru Straits bound westward." | 7/30. |
| | C 102 | " 31 | Same subject. Confirms tel. and gives details relative to the raid of the Vladivostock fleet | 8/29 |
| | C Tel | " 27 | Same subject. Interview with Min. for For. Affs. relative to the safety of the SS Korea" | |
| | C 103 | Aug 1 | Same subject. Confirms tel. rel. to the SS Korea and reports request of the Agent of the Pacific S.S. Co. | 8/17 |
| | C Tel | " 4 | Same subject "Oku reports capture of Haicheng and Newchwang yesterday noon." | 8/4 |
| | C Tel. | " 6 | Same subject. Foreign war vessels requested not to enter Yingkow or the Liao River until order is restored. U.S. Admiral has been so advised at the request of Min. for For. Affs. | 8/6 |
| | C 104 | " 6 | Same subject. Confirms the foregoing and encloses text of note from Min. for For. Affs. and tel. to Admiral Sterling. | 8/29 |
| | C — | " 6 | Chinese Extraterritorial Rights of Jap. Govt to inquire in Circ. of Jan 19. encl'd | 8/29 |
| | C Tel | " 8 | Exposition of St Louis. The great seal of Japan having a sacred character an impression cannot be loaned by Japan as requested in tel of Augt. | 8/8 |
| | C 105 | " 8 | Same subject. Confirms the foregoing. | 8/29 |
| | C 106 | " 8 | Newspaper correspondent Stanley Washburn cannot be permitted to join the second Army, the limit of correspondents allowed having been reached and all the available posts filled by the vote of the correspondents themselves. | 8/29 |
| | C — | " 8 | Japanese Schedule — annual — transmitted. | |
| R. S. Miller for Interpreter | C — | " 10 | Leave of 60 days to visit Korea and Manchuria, requested, for Odt. | 9/17 8/29 |
| Lloyd C. Griscom Ellis M. | C 107 | " 10 | Same subject. Forwards the foregoing with his approval | 8/29 |
| | — | " 10 | Postal Conventions, Washn, 1897 — Jap. Govt has been notified of Circ. June 25 (ratification by Australia of | 9/17. |
| | C Tel. | " 11 | War bet Russia & Japan — Reports emerging of Russ. fleet and combat with Japanese fleet — result not yet known. | 8/11. |
| | C — | " 13 | Same subject — Instructions of Mikado to Jap. Comds. in Manchuria rel. to non-combatants in Port Arthur reported | 9/17 |
| | C Tel | " 12 | Same subject — Attack by Japanese fleet on Russian fleet from Port Arthur reported. Russians defeated fled during night, Askold, Novik, one other and one destroyer entered Kiao-Chow Bay — five battle ships, one cruiser, hospital ship and several destroyers returned to Port Arthur — one destroyer fled Chefoo — Apparently no damage to Japanese fleet — | 8/12 |
| | C Tel | " 12 | Same subject — Togo reports engagement 10th lasting till dark. Russian vessels considerably damaged scattered and were pursued by destroyers — all reentered Port Arthur except Askold, Novik, Pallada and Czarevitch — latter believed sunk — no Japanese ships disabled. Jap casualties about 170 — | 8/12 |
| | C Tel. | " 13 | Same subjects — Togo reports five Russian battleships severely damaged — cruisers damage comparatively slight. | 8/13 |
| | C Tel. | " 13 | Neutrality of Germany — Will adhere to 24 hours rule in case of belligerent ships going to Kiao-Chow and will allow one 24 hours extension for repairs — but ships remaining longer must be dismantled. | 8/13. |
| | C Tel. | " 14 | War bet Russia & Japan — Officially stated Vladivostock cruisers are near Tsushima and that fighting is in progress. | 8/14 |
| | C Tel | " 14 | Same subject — Admiral Kamimura met Vladivostock squadron three ships north of Tsushima this morning — After five hours fighting they sank "Rurik" — others escaped northward considerably damaged. Jap. damage slight. | 8/14 |
| | C Tel | " 10 | Same subject — All official news of Port Arthur being withheld by Jap. Govt. According to best information Japs have taken all outforts and have strong positions commanding citadel. Fall of P.A. is not expected before last week in August. | 9/10 |
| F.R. '04 | C — | " 15 | Neutrality of China. Encls official reports rec'd fr. Jap. Govt rel. to capture of Russ. destroyer "Ketchitelny" at Chefoo. | 9/17 |
| | C Tel | " 16 | War bet. Russia & Japan — Togo reports torpedo flotilla sank Pallada night of the 14th (10th) — | 8/16 |

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| Lloyd C. Griscom, E.E.&M.P. | Tel | | Aug. 16 | War with Russia—since naval successes opinion prevails that Port Arthur will fall a week earlier than indicated in my tel. | 16th 8/16 |
| | | 107B | " 16 | Same subject. Confirms tel's of 11th, 12th & 13th of Aug. | 9/17 |
| | C | 108 | " 16 | Blind and Deaf and Dumb in Japan. Transmits 2 pamphlets for Hon. C. Curtis & F. M. Grosvenor on the education of the—R. to Instr. 63. | 9/17. |
| | C | Tel. | " 17 | War with Russia—Yesterday Jap. army summoned Port Arthur to surrender. Reply this morning—Desire of Emperor of Japan to remove non-combatants was also communicated— | 8/17. |
| | C | Tel | " 17 | Illness of Consul S. S. Lyon of Kobe—Physicians who examined L. at my request state they are not hopeful as to his future and fear he may never be able to resume his consular duties. | 8/17. |
| | C | 109 | " 17 | War with Russia—battle with Vladivostok fleet—Confirms foregoing tel's 14th rel. to the— | 9/17. |
| | C | Tel. | " 18 | Same subject—This morning (17th) Port Arthur rejected surrender and removal of non-combatants. | 8/18. |
| | C | 110 | " 19 | Same subject—Killing of W. R. Stronce, in Jap. army. Attaché has not heard of—Contrary to Japan's & civilized foreign— | 9/17. |
| | | 111 | | | |
| | C | 112 | " 19 | Illness of Consul S. S. Lyon—In reply to Instr. July 16, encl's report of doctors in the case— | 9/17. |
| | F.R. '04 | — | " 20 | Neutrality of China—Encl's Aug. 18 from Baron Komura rel. to Russ. destroyer "Retchitelny" at Chefoo and statement of Japan's position— | 9/17. |
| | C | 113 | " 21 | Neutrality of Germany—at Kiao-Chow—States Jap. feeling towards Germany, confirms tel. Aug 13 and encl's clippings from Japan Times of Aug. 14— | 9/17. |
| | C | Tel. | " 21 | Tobacco Monopoly—Jap. Govt states they will purchase outright from the Murai Co. its oriental printing Co. and all leaf tobacco Murai has on hand & this seems equitable settlement and is satisfactory to Morrill. | 8/21 |
| | C | Tel | " 22 | War with Russia—"Jap. fleet sank Novik off Sagalien today" | 8/22 |
| | F.R. '04 C | — | " 26 | Same subject—Encl's Aug 25 fr. Min. for F.A. showing attitude of Jap. Govt in "Rebold" and "Grosvenor" affair. | 9/20. |
| | C | — | " 27 | Same subject—Sinking of the "Novik"—Confirms tel. Aug. 21. | 9/20. |
| | C. | — | " 27 | Present for the President—Book, "Bushido, the Soul of Japan" by Prof. Nitobe, 2 copies, from Mr. Hyoseke Yoshino, head of the publishing firm Shokwabo. Y. was introduced to Leg. by Min for F. A. | |
| John M. Ferguson, 2d Secy | C | Tel. | " 27 | Leave of absence—extension of his, until Sept 21, without pay, requested. | 8/29. |
| Lloyd C. Griscom, E.E.&M.P. | C | 114 | " 29 | Tobacco Monopoly—Confirms tel. Aug. 21 rel. to—Comments thereon and encl's 2 copies of F. M. Laws. | 9/20. |
| | C | — | " 30 | History of the Russo-Japanese War—Vol III. Transmits 2 copies of, for Secy of State and President, from Kinkodo Pub. Co. | 9/20 |
| | F.R. '04 C | 115 | Sept. 1 | Agreement bet. Japan and Korea fr. F.O. Encl's copy of Art. III is explained as not intended to affect existing Korean treaties and or to interfere in any way with foreigners' legitimate enterprises. | |
| | C | — | " | States that Mr. Megata, financial adviser to Korean Govt, is a graduate of Harvard (class of '92) & Yale (class of '97) | 9/20. |
| | C | Tel | " 3 | Battle at Liao Yang. Official report of the progress of the, forwarded | 9/3 |
| | C | Tel | " 4 | Same subject. "Japanese completely occupied Liao Yang this morning." | 9/4 |
| | C | Tel | " 11 | Same subject "Japanese losses Liao Yang battle officially reported 17,500." | 9/11 |
| | C | Tel | " 11 | Same subject "Japanese official reports estimate Russian losses about Liao Yang over 25000" | 9/4 |
| | C | Tel | " 19 | Military Attaché. "Lieut Fortescue now with Jap. Army before Port Arthur asks if War Dept desires him to remain another month." | 9/19. |
| | C | — | " 19 | Visit of Prince Fushimi to the St and St Louis Exposition. Itinerary of the, and names of members of his suite. | 10/15. |
| | C | 116 | " 26 | Monetary reform in China. Reports efforts made by the legation to enlist Japan's support for the scheme of Prof Jenks. Min for F.A. appears to be interested but will not commit himself | 10/7 |
| | C | — | " 27 | Tobacco Monopoly. Encl's Regulations for the Operation of the | 10/7 |
| | C | 117 | " 27 | Repairs to Secretary's house. Account of & order for | 10/7 |
| | C | — | " 28 | Siege of Port Arthur. Confirms tels in August rel. to &c, and reports feeling of disappointment in Japan over unexpected resistance of the fortress | 10/7 |
| | C | 118 | " 29 | Suit of Mark M. Jefferis vs. Before acting on Instr. 69, reports that suspension of proceedings was in consequence of the war and in accordance with the Law of nations and of Japan, and encl's letter from Consul at Nagasaki throwing some light on Jeffersonville's character | 10/7 |
| | C | 119 | " 29 | Treaties and agreements of Japan with China. Additional, forwarded | 11/7 |
| | C | 120 | Oct 1 | Military Attaché. Lieut Fortescue left Valmy for Moji on Sept 30 last of Ad. to, from Dept, Lieut Fortescue, and a note from Jap. Govt | 11/7 |
| | C | 121 | " 12 | Conscription Law of Japan. Amendments recently made in the will increase the military forces of Japan in large proportions. Discusses the changes and their effect | 11/7 |
| | C | — | " 11 | Return of 2nd Secretary Ferguson from leave in the U.S. on Oct 7 reported | 11/7 |
| | | — | " 12 | Trade Promotion of American, by Dip. Officers. Reply to Circ of July 29 | 11/7 |

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FROM Japan

| | NO. | DATE. 1904. | SUBJECT | DATE OF RECEIPT |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Lloyd C. Griscom, Esq. | — | Oct 12 | Departure of Interpreter Miller for Shanghai on leave, Oct 9, reported | 11/7 |
| C | — | " 12. | War. Preparations and movements in the province of Hokkaido. | Report of Con. Agent King of Hakodate 11/7 |
| C | — | | Seal rookeries of Commander islands destroyed by Jap. poachers | |
| C | 122 | " 14 | Rescue of Crew of Amer. ship "Mariela" by Brit. gunboat "Algerine". Encl's reports of Oct. 8 and 11 from Amer. Cons Agt. at Hakodate and states that five were two Russians among the crew who were interpreted with | 11/14. |
| C | 123 | " 15 | Complaint of newspaper correspondent Edwin Emerson Jr. against the Amer. Cons. Genl at Mukden. Acc's 73 rel. to which will be followed. States that letters & him fr. Evidence his cruel ill treatment by Jap authorities | 11/14. |
| F. R. '04 C | 124 | " 19 | Visit of Prince Fushimi of Fushimi to the U. S. Reports details of departure and itinerary, also antecedents & standing of Prince, and states that successful failure of journey is watched with unusual interest by Japan. | 11/14. |
| C | 125 | " 20 | Hydrographic information from Jap. Navy Dept. for C & G. Survey. Refers to 71, states that two fresh sets of charts have been forwarded to the C & G. Survey and to Hydrogr. Office, N. D. | 11/14. |
| C | 126 | " 20 | Complaint of newspaper correspondent Edwin Emerson Jr. against Amer. Cons Genl, Mukden. Encl copy of letter Oct. 11 from Complainant, and states that by going to Port Arthur and afterwards leaving the Russians, after having a permit & accompany Jap. Army, he laid himself liable & arrest by Japanese & Russians. | 11/14. |
| C | 127 | " 21 | Assistance to the China Investment and Construction Co. of America - Reports visit to Tokyo of the agent of the Co. A. W. Bash, to obtain sanction of Jap. Govt to concession in southern China - and aid received by him from Legation - Encl's corresp. with Mr. B. and his amended proposal to the China F. O. after an interview had been had with Baron Komura rel to subject - Encl's also rough map | 11/14. |
| C | — | " 21 | Illness of Consul A. I. Lyon at Kobe - Transmits account for physician's fees in the case | 11/14. |
| C | Tel | " 27 | Military Attachés. "Japanese Govt has no objection to the withdrawal of Sutton and Morrison. I have telegraphed War Dept instructions to them." | 10/27 |
| | 128 | Nov. 1 | Nagasaki. Exequatur forwarded to Vice Consul Roger S. Greene | 12/5 |
| C | 129 | " 9 | Military and naval movements in the Hokkaido Gen's report of Consul at Hakodate | 12/5 |
| C | 130 | " 10 | Seizure of the British steamer "Thistian" and her subsequent release by the Japanese naval escort of Sasebo, reported. The cargo was owned by an American, Seltzel, of Shanghai | 12/5 |
| C | 131 | " 10 | Filipinos, &c. affected, in Japan. Report of F. J. Cairns, Surveyor of Customs in the Philippines, on the actions of various Juntas transmitted - Contains the accuracy of which contains hints at sympathy and complicity of Japanese officials | 12/5 |
| C | 132 | " 10. | Birthday of the Emperor. Con's notes exchanged with the Min for F.A.; the diplomatic corps entertained at lunch by the Emperor. | 12/5. |
| C | 133 | " 11. | Military attaché. Request for the transfer of Capt Marsh to the army besieging Port Arthur, denied by the Japanese Govt. Corres & Enc'd. | 12/5. |
| C | 134 | " 15. | Military and naval movements in the Hokkaido. Enc's report from Consular Agent at Hakodate | 12/13 |
| C | Tels | " 19 | Resignation of Sec. Leg. Mr. Ferguson "Mr. Ferguson, Sec. Leg. desires telegraphic acceptance of his resignation, owing to his brother's death. He leaves for home immediately" | 11/19 |
| John M. Ferguson, 2nd Sec. Leg. | Tel. | " 20 | Same subject "May withdraw resignation & go home on leave without pay" | 11/20 |
| Lloyd C. Griscom, Esq. C | Tel. | " 20 | Same subject "Ferguson asks permission to report at Washington before his resignation is accepted" | 11/20 |
| C | Tel. | " 20 | Russo-Japanese War. "General attack begun on Port Arthur today with instructions to take principal fortifications at any cost." | 11/20 |
| C | Tel. | " 26 | Same subject. Reports true reason for immediate attack of Port Arthur | 11/26 |
| | 135 | " 26 | Tidal Tables to be forwarded to Supt of U.S. Coast & Geodetic Survey first installment of, R. to Circ. of July 20" | 12/21 |
| | 136 | " 29 | Resignation of 2d Asst Sec Mr. John Mackintosh. List of telegrams to & from Dept. | 12/21 |
| | 137 | " 29 | List of Dept. tel. of Nov. 26. | 12/21 |
| C | 138 | " 29 | Vladivostok. Condition of Russian war vessels and of foreign shipping in, as reported by the master of the Br. S.S. "Allanton" captured with a cargo of coal, and subsequently released. | 12/21 |
| C | 139 | " 30 | War with Russia. Effects of the, on financial, commercial and industrial conditions in Japan. Forwards statistics showing the | 12/5. |
| C | Tel | " 30 | Same subject. Formosa Consul telegraphs to day: "Large cruiser arrived Pescadores. 20000 troops and marines will arrive Kelung shortly. Naval Station Pescadores being provisioned three years. Mines now being laid." | 11/29 |
| | 140 | Dec 1 | Books for the Legation Theatre &c. (Dept) | 12/5 |
| | 141 | " 3 | 79 acts | 12/5 |
| C | 142 | " 9 | Political conditions. Opening of the Diet reported; brief synopsis of financial measures to be considered: Speeches from the Throne and Lamsdell Enc'd | 12/5. |

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| Japan | | | | |
| Lloyd C. Griscom Ch d'Aff | Tel | Dec 1 | Siege of Port Arthur: "Jap army took yesterday 203 Meter hill from which it is expected the Russian war vessels in Port Arthur harbor can be destroyed." | 1/1 |
| C | 143 | " 10 | Same subject. Confirms tel. of Nov and Dec and reports further on the destruction of Russian war ships in Port Arthur | 1/5 |
| C | Tel | " 8 | Arbitration Convention. "Refg to Dept's Circ. of Oct 20 Min for FA. asks me to ascertain from you whether the arbitration treaty proposed by U.S. is of a nature requiring exchange of ratifications." | 12/8 |
| C | Tel | " 8. | Peace Conference (2nd) at the Hague. Acceptance of Japan subject to the sole reservation that the Conference will not take any action relative to or affecting in any way the present war. Quotes from Jap memorandum | 12/8 |
| C | 145. | " 10 | Same subject. Confirms the foregoing. Circ's memo. therein referred to and reports interviews with Min for FA. | 1/5 |
| C | 144. | " 10. | Interpreter. Return to post of Rd Miller on Dec 8 reported. | 1/5 |
| C | Tel | " 9 | War with Russia. "Fisher telegraphs shipping has been warned to keep twenty miles from Pescadores. Fortifications are being constructed at Samsa." | 12/9 |
| C | Tel | " 10 | Special passport as bearer of dispatches. "Refg to your dispatch 5th Collier here. Refuses to give special passport." | 12/10 |
| C | Tel | " 10 | War with Russia. "The following telegram has been received." Reports Jap fleet of about 40 vessels passed Pescadores yesterday bound Southward. Cannot confirm. Fisher.") | 12/10 |
| C | 146 | " 12 | Military attaché's observers. Circ's corrs with FO. relative to changes indicated in Dept's tel. of Nov 28. Jap Govt refuses to allow Major Kuhn to join the Jap army at Port Arthur | 1/5 |
| | 147 | " 13. | War with Russia. Text of tels. of Dec 9 & 10 to the Dept and of tel from Consul Fisher. | 1/5 |
| | 148 | " 14. | Book for legation (Hubbell's Legal Directory) requested | 1/10 |
| C | Tel. | " 17 | Illness of James Recallon. "Naval authorities report Recallon rapidly improving." | 1/17 |
| C | 149 | " 21 | Same subject. Text of tel from 4 to Dept and of note from Jap. Min of War | 1/19 |
| C | 150 | " 22 | War between Russia and Japan. Preparations in Kiu-shiu and of Formosa for the possible coming of the Russian Baltic fleet | 1/10 |
| C | 151 | " 22 | Financial measures proposed by the Govt passed the Lower House without opposition. | 1/10 |
| C | 152 | " 22. | Public Land laws of Japan. Report and doc's from Rds Circ. of Sept 20. | 1/10 |
| C | Tel | " 22 | Arbitration Convention. "Refg to your circular Dis: of Oct 20. Min for FA. informs me that the Jap Govt has decided to accept the invitation to negotiate an arbitration convention on the lines proposed by the U.S. The necessary instructions and full powers will be sent to the Jap Min. at Washington." | 1/10 |
| John M. Ferguson, 2nd Sec'y | — | " 27 | Arrival at his home, Ferguson B'd'g, Pittsburg, on Dec 13, reported | 12/28 |
| Lloyd C. Griscom, Ch d'Aff | Tel | " 28 | War in the Russia. "Consul at Formosa telegraphs that mines have been placed in Kilung harbor, instructions to shipping issued and fortifications at Tamsui strengthened." | 12/28 |
| C | Tel | " 31 | Medical officer ordered to follow Jap Army in the field. "Refg to your tel. of the 24th. Surgeon Braisted will be permitted to inspect all naval hospitals and naval hospital ships in Japanese waters." | 1/4 |
| C | 153 | " 31 | Same subject. Text of tels from 4 to Dept | 1/5 |

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| Japan | | | | |
| Sloyd C. Griscom, Ellis P. | C 154 | Jan 1 | Visit of Prince Fushimi to the U.S. Appreciation of courtesies expressed by the Emperor at the New year's reception and by the Prince on several occasions. | 1/25 |
| | 155 | " C "89 acknd | | 1/25 |
| | 156 | " 2 Text of tel. of Dec 28 to the Dept. | | 1/25 |
| | C 157 | " 2 Financial measures reported in "151 were passed by the Upper House on Dec 28 and promulgated on Jan 1. | | 1/25 |
| | C 158 | " 2 Blockade of Port Arthur. Change of limits of the, notified in Enc note from Min. for F.A. | | 1/25 |
| | C Tel | " 2 Surrender of Port Arthur. "Monday morning. Min. for F.A. informs me that Gen. Stoessel surrendered Port Arthur at 9 o'clock last night." | | 1/26 |
| | C Tel | " 2 Same subject. "The conditions of surrender have been accepted. Details unpublished" | | 1/ |
| | C Tel | " 3 Same subject. "Terms of surrender permit Russian officers to retain side arms and private property and to return to Russia on parole. Non commissioned officers and privates remain prisoners of war." | | 1/3 |
| | C 159 | " 3. Medical Military Attaché. Chas Lynch has been recognized as Military Attaché and will be permitted to continue his studies of the Medical Service in the field longer than at first intimated. | | 1/25 |
| | C 160 | " 3. Arbitration Convention. Text of tel. from it to Dept. Report of action taken on Circular of Oct 20. | | 1/25 |
| | 161 | " 3. Illness of James Riddell. Enc record of R's condition while ill at Nikko. | | 1/25 |
| | C 162 | " 4. War with Russia. Enc report from Consl at Hakodate in regard to defensive works erected along the Tsugaru Straits. | | 1/25 |
| | C 163 | " 5. Surrender of Port Arthur. Enc's text of articles of capitulation and of tel's to Dept | | 1/27 |
| | C ~ | " 4. Photograph of Pres't Roosevelt for Marquis Ito. requested | | 1/27 |
| John M Ferguson, 2nd Sec. | C ~ | " 5. Resignation tendered; hopes to be appointed to some other dip. post in the future | | 1/5 |
| | C ~ | " 6 Same subject. Asks that his resignation be accepted as taking effect Nov. 15. | | |
| Huntington Wilson, Secy. | C ~ | " 6 Leave of 60 days, in two instalments, to visit the Philippines, Korea & China and cable reply requested. | | |
| Sloyd C. Griscom, Ellis P. | Tel. | " 7. "The blockade of Liaotung Peninsula has been formally raised. Only vessels in Jap. Govt. service can enter Port Arthur." | | 1/30 |
| F.R. '05 | C "164 | " 9 Same subject. Confirms the foregoing and encs note from Min. for F.A. with Admiral Togo's announcement. | | 1/7 |
| | C 165 | " 11 Bearer of despatches Cullen. Confirms tel. from it to Dept. and reports peculiar acts of Cullen and his business while in Japan | | 1/6. |
| | C Tel | " 11 Military Attaché Observer. "The Jap. Govt will extend Gen. McArthur facilities to proceed to seat of war. Min for F.A. wishes to know approximate date of arrival | | 1/6 |
| | C 166 | " 12 Naval Attaché. Relief of Lt Cmr Marsh by Lt Irvin V. Gillis, on Jan 6. reported | | 1/10 |
| F.R. '05 | C 167 | " 12 Destruction of birds on Hawaiian islands by Japanese. Warning will be issued by the Jap Govt but Japan will not join in the protection of sea fowl Rec 66. | | 1/6. |
| F.R. '05 | C 168 | " 13 Defensive area of fishing in Formosa. Encs map of, and regulations restricting navigation and fishing. | | 1/6 |
| | C 169 | " 17 Military attaché Observer. Text of tel. from it to Dept rel to Gen McArthur's detail | | 1/6 |
| | C 170 | " 18. Export of silk manufactures known as "habutaye". Encs regulations for the prevention of fraudulent practices in the manufacture of these articles. | | 1/6 |
| | C 171 | " 19 Customs duties. Tariff of minerals Encs | | 1/6 |
| | C 172 | " 19 War with Russia. Movements of Japanese cruisers. Encs report from Consular Agent at Hakodate. | | 1/6 |
| | 173 | " 19. Peace Conference (2nd). Circular of Dec 16 has been handed to Min for F.A. | | 1/6 |
| | C 174 | " 19 Monetary reform of China. Opinion of Japanese Vice President of the Yokohama Specie Bank & Minister at Peking that Prof Jenks's scheme is impracticable | | 1/6 |
| | C 175 | " 20 Chemulpo, Korea. Establishment of a Consulate at, no longer opposed by the Jap. Govt. Encs note from Min. for F.A. | | |
| | C 176 | " 23 War with Russia. Record of merchant vessels sunk and captured on each side. Encs clipping from the Japan [illegible] | | |

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| Japan | | | | |
| Lloyd C. Griscom, Esq. Chargé | Tel | Jan 24 | Visit of Prince Fushimi to the U.S. Text of remarks of the Emperor at a luncheon tendered to the American Minister in appreciation of courtesies extended the Prince in the U.S. | 1/24. |
| | C 177 | " 24 | Same subject. Confirms the foregoing, quotes his reply to the Emperor's remarks and incs clippings from leading Jap. papers commenting upon the visit and the commercial and political relations of the two countries | 1/24. |
| | C Tel. | " 27 | Military Attaché absence. "The Japanese Govt. is reluctant to permit Pershing to accompany army at present." | 1/27 |
| | C 178. | " 27 | Same subject. Text of tel. from to day's dispt. substance of conversation with Min. for For. Affs. | 1/27. |
| | C 179 | " 30 | Observatory of the Whangpoo River in China. Japanese Govt. concurs in views of the Act of Nov. 19 and will instruct its Minister at Peking accordingly. Note inc. | 1/31. |
| | C 180 | " 31 | Foreign policy of the U.S. Comments on Pres't Roosevelt's message in the "Kokumin" a government organ, and the "Hochi Shimbun", an opposition paper. | 2/2. |
| | C 183 | Feb 2. | Capture of the Austrian S.S. "Burma" and Brit. S.S. "M.S. Vollas" by Japanese cruisers. Enc's report from Consul at Hakodate, relative to. | 2/24 |
| | C 182 | " 3 | Bust of Wm. M. Evarts, late Secty of State, has been accepted by the Emperor of Japan. Refers to Dis. No. 28 and encs correspondence with Min. for For. Affs and Dr. Daniel C. Greene | 2/24. |
| | C 183 | " 3. | Relief of wounded war horses. Mr. Denison in "93" has been delivered to Min. for For. Affs | 2/24. |
| | C 184 | " 3 | Visit of Prince Fushimi to the U.S. Letter of Secy Hay in Dis. No. 94 has been delivered | 2/24 |
| | C 185 | " 3 | Protest of Russian officers from Port Arthur against the taking of their arms in violation of the terms of surrender. Enc's correspondence with Colonel of the 13th Russian Regiment and French Minister at Tokyo. | 2/24. |
| | C 186 | " 3 | Swords presented to the Ministers and to the President during the war with Russia have been returned to the would be donors who generally request pecuniary return exceeding the value of the gift. | 2/24. |
| | C 187 | " 3. | Port Arthur and Dalny. Merchants not allowed to return to. Encs letters from and to the American Trading Co. at Yokohama | 2/24 |
| | C Tel. | " 3 | Military Attaché. Your 95 rec'd. On arrival of Pershing, military authorities will consider our request that he accompany the Army. | 2/3 |
| | C 188 | " 9 | Lighthouses, lightships, buoys and beacons of Japan. Printed lists 1904, 1905 encl'd. | 3/7 |
| | C Tel. | " 4 | Naval Attaché - Murdock's appointment entirely agreeable. | 2/4 |
| | C 189 | " 10 | Capture of Brit. S.S. "Wyefield"; San Francisco to Vladivostok by Japanese cruiser reported. Encl report of Cons. Agent at Hakodate. | 3/7 |
| | C 190 | " 15 | Claim of Edward & Geo. W. Lake vs. Japan - U. to S. He has rec'd complete record of case, translation of which will require a month or two. | 3/7 |
| For. Rels. Chg | C Tel. | " 16 | Copyright Convention with the U.S. - Jap. Govt is willing to enter into, provided copyright does not apply to translations or to books issued before the date of ratification of convention. | 2/16 |
| | C 191 | " 16 | Legation Buildings - Requests appropriation of $1000. for enlargement of and repairs to. | 3/7. |
| | 192 | " 16 | Military Attaché - Confirms tel. Feb. 4th | 3/7. |
| Sqdrn B. Laughlin, 2nd Secy | C | " 23 | Oath of Office Enc'd. Entered upon duties this day. | 3/22 |
| Lloyd C. Griscom, Esq. Chargé | 193. | " 13. | War with Russia. Movements of Jap. War ships and contributions in Vladivostock. Report from Am. Agt at Hakodate. Encl'd. | 3/22 |
| | 194. | " 24 | Integrity of China. Enc's note transmitting to Min. for For. Affs (Eng) tel. of Jan 26 | 3/22 |
| | 195 | " 24 | Neutrality of China. Same as to Circular of Jan 26 | 3/22 |
| | C 196. | " 24 | Property left at Port Arthur. Encs Mr. Toritoki's statement of, and note transmitting it to the Minister for For. Affs. | 3/22 |
| | C Tel | " 24 | Extradition of Negro Filipinos. Asks if warrant of arrest and of arrival of papers desired by the Japanese Govt | 3/24 |
| | C 197 | " 25. | Railway Congress of Washington. Names of Japanese delegates to the | 3/22 |
| | C 198 | " 25 | Second Secretary Laughlin entered upon duties on Feb. 23 | 3/22 |
| | C Tel | Mar 5. | Battle of Mukden. Col. Crowder telegraphs yesterday from Manchuria First Army completed crossing Shaho River last night meeting serious resistance. Low temperature serious obstacle. Left army advancing rapidly. Right army progressing slower but represented as satisfactory. | 3/5 |
| | C 199 | " 4 | Relinquishing funding. Embassy and Legation Secretaries Association of Japan. Meeting and work of the | 3/7 3/22 |

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| Lloyd C. Griscom, Esq. | C 200 | Mar 13. | War with Russia. Reports from Consul at Hakodate rel. to suspension of traffic and establishment of wireless telegraphy stations. Transmitted | 4/3 |
| | C Tel | " 7. | Extradition of Uyeka Kamitaro. "F.O. informs me he has not yet been apprehended. I will telegraph you when informed of his arrest." | 3/7 |
| | C Tel | " 8 | Battle of Mukden "Min. of War informs me the Russian Army on the Shaho is completely routed and in full retreat in disorder. Russians left 8000 dead in front of Oku. One brigade, 5000 men, of Gen. Oku's army annihilated. Total Jap. losses a total 50000 killed and wounded." | 3/8. |
| | C Tel | " 9 | Same subject "I am officially informed that the railroad has been cut north of Mukden and the armies of Nodzu and Kuroki have already advanced north of the Hun River. The Russian army is reported to be retreating at many points." | |
| | C Tel | " 10 | Same subject: Min for F.A. informs me the Jap. Army occupied Mukden at 10 o'clock A.M. today." | |
| | Tel | 9/10 | Peace proposals. Reports conversation with Min for F.A. relative to conditions on which Japan would make peace | |
| | Tel | 9/10. | Same subject. "I am assured personally and confidentially by the Amb. Adviser of the Jap. F.O. that if the Jap. Govt can possibly arrange it when the moment arrives the President will be asked to act as Peacemaker" | |
| | C Tel | " 12 | Battle of Mukden "Officially reported Jap. Army captured 20000 prisoners before 11th." | 3/12 |
| | C Tel | " 12 | Same subject: "Further official report Russian losses over 155000; 40000 prisoners; 26500 dead left on field and about 90000 other casualties" | |
| | Tel | " 12 | Peace proposals. Refers to Mr Griscom's 9 and reports further conversation with Min for F.A. | 3/12 |
| F.R. '05 | C 201 | " 13. | Destruction of birds on the Midway Islands. Instructions have again been issued to prevent Jap. subjects from engaging in the. Note to Min for F.A. Encl. Rs. 84 & 86. | 4/3 |
| | C 202 | " 13. | List of Japanese adjourned on Feb 28. Refers to T. 151 and reports additional measures. | 4/3 |
| | C 203 | " 13. | Military Attaché. Capt Pershing reported for duty on Mar 6. | 4/3 |
| | 204 | " 13. | Swords presented to the President. Acts rel. of Mar 12 | 4/3 |
| | C 205 | " 13 | Extradition Treaty (supplementary). Arts 7 4 and encls notes to and from Min. for F.A. and counter-draft submitted by the latter. | 4/3 |
| | C 206 | " 13. | Property left at Port Arthur. Encl note from Min for F.A. in reply to that presenting the case of W. Toritate in T. 196. | 4/3. |
| | C 207 | " 13. | Same subject. Encls Miss Beatrice Bavanda's sworn statement and correspce relative to her case | 4/3 |
| | C 208 | " 13 | Same subject. Same in the case of Clarkson & Co, represented by C. Nielsen | 4/3 |
| | 209 | " 13. | Peace proposals. Text of tels to foreign dipl of Mar 9, 10 11 and 12, reports in details conversations therein contained, and circumstances leading thereto | 4/3 |
| F.R. '05 | 210 | " 14. | Integrity of China. Encls Minn for F.A's ack'g & of note in T. 194. | 4/3 |
| F.R. '05 | 211 | " 14 | Neutrality of China. Same as to note in T. 195. | 4/3 |
| | C Tel | " 15 | Military attachés Observers with Russian Army. "The Japanese have captured Surgeon Harvard and Asst Judson of ours army. They are being sent here." | 4/3. |
| | " | " 15 | Same subject. Confirms the information given by the General Staff of the Jap. Army | 4/3 |
| | 212 | " 15 | Book for the legation "Taylor's International Law received" | 4/3 |
| | C Tel | " 16 | War with Russia. "Japanese Army occupied Tiehling this morning." | 3/16 |
| | C 213 | " 15. | Military attaché observer Gen MacArthur, arrived Mar 5 and left for the front on Mar 9 after receiving especial marks of honor & courtesy | 4/3 |
| | C 214 | " 16 | Extradition of Uyeka Kamitaro was requested on Feb 24 and the fugitive held under surveillance for two months pending the arrival of the papers which have not yet come to hand; his whereabouts now unknown | 4/3 |
| | C 215 | " 16 | Inauguration of Pres't Roosevelt. Encl's letter of congratulations from the Belgian Minister, Dean of the Corps, and his ack'gt. | 4/3 |
| | C 216 | " 16 | Capture of the S.S. Tacoma. Notes rel. from Con Agt at Hakodate rel. thereto | 4/3 |
| | C 217 | " 16. | Loans, domestic. Gives details of the four, negotiated during the past year. The fourth was fully covered by the Bankers and Imperial Household by the 27th of Feb when it was opened | |

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| Japan | | | | | |
| Lloyd C. Griscom. Esqre | C | 218 | Mar 23. | Railway Mortgage law recently enacted. Three copies Encl | 4/24 |
| | C | Tel | " 23. | Military attaché Observer. "Jap Govt to day give assent to my request 15th. that Major McClernand might replace Col. Crowder as field observer." | 3/25 |
| | C | 219 | Apl 4. | Mining laws of Japan, excluding foreigners from mining rights Encl. Foreign Residents may however organize mining Companies in Japan | 4/24 |
| | C | " | " 4. | Cable address Amlegation has been registered. | 4/24 |
| | C | 220 | " 4. | Clerk. Albert Wheeler has been engaged as, under No: 334 at a salary of $100 per quarter. | 4/21 |
| | C | 221 | " 5. | Salmon poaching expedition to Attou island, of the Aleutian group. Reports information relative to a contemplated Japanese | 4/24 |
| | | 222 | " 5 | Naval Attaché. Lieut Marble reports for duty on Apl 1. | 4/24 |
| | C | 223. | " 6 | Commercial treaty between India and Japan, approved Mar 14. Tel Encl | 4/24 |
| | | 224 | " 6 | Publication. Report of the Jap Dept of Agriculture & Commerce Encl | 4/24 |
| | | 225 | " 6 | Military Attaché Observer. Confirms tel. of Mar 23 and Encl's covers | 4/24 |
| | C | 226 | " 6 | naturalization of Japanese in Texas declared illegal by the Immigration Bureau and agitation re Japanese immigration in California Encl newspaper clippings on both questions. | 4/24 |
| | | 227 | " 6 | 108 asked | 4/24 |
| | C | 228 | " 8. | Trade Marks. Protection of, in Korea. Jap Govt. can only extend the protection of its Consular Courts on principle of reciprocity as to that of American Consular Courts. R to 77 and 101. | 5/6 |
| | C | Tel | " 11 | War with Russia. Port of Keleng closed to foreign steamers until further notice." | 4/11 |
| | C | 229 | " 11 | Confirms the foregoing. | 5/8. |
| | | 230 | " 12 | Sugar, drawbacks and rebates. Reply to Circ. of Feb 16. | 5/15 |
| | C | 231 | " 13. | Beri-beri Circ. Japanese Surgeon General denies that any discovery has been made R to 104. | 5/8. |
| | | 232 | " 13. | Neutrality of the Nd. commented on Encl article of the Kokumin Shimbun | 5/8. |
| | C | 233. | " 14. | Korea Policy of Japan towards. Circ's article of the Kokumin on this: the tendency of gradual absorption therein indicated appears to reflect the views of the Japanese Govt | 5/8. |
| | | 234 | " 14 | Peace rumors and part of the Nd. in ultimate negotiations discussed in Circ's article of the Yorodzu Choho: | 5/8. |
| | C | 235 | " 14. | Yokohama. Endorsement of Consul General Bellows by the editors of the leading foreign newspapers of. Encl | 5/8. |
| | C | Tel. | " 18 | War with Russia. "Fisher telegraphs reported a part of Japanese fleet arrived at the Pescadores 16th. Foreign vessels can now enter Keleng if agents notified before arrival." | 4/18. |
| | C | Tel | " 18. | Samunubyat. "Tsugaru straits have been officially declared to constitute a defence zone and the Pescadores Islands are all included within one defence zone." | 4/18. |
| | C | 236 | " 18 | Present to the President and Secy of War of rifles and bayonets from battle fields of Manchuria forwarded with letter of the Jap Minister of War | 5/15 |
| | C | Tel | " 19 | Extradition of Ryeki Kamekaro cannot be granted: fugitive is a Chinese subject | 4/19 |
| | | 237 | " 20 | Seal of Dept's tel. of Apl 8. | 5/15. |
| | | 238 | " 20 | War with Russia. Military activity in North East Japan. Circ's report from Consular agent at Hakodate. | 5/15. |
| | | 239 | " 20 | Same subject. Encl further report from Consular King | 5/15 |
| | C | Tel | " 20 | Neutrality of France "I learn unofficially that Japan has made a mild protest to France against the stay of the Russian war vessels in French territorial waters. The Japanese press is unanimously urging its Government to take a firm stand" | 4/20. |
| | C | Tel | " 21 | Publication in the Foreign Relations of a telegram from the Legation relative to the opening of the hostilities. Relates conversation with Circ. for Tel who insists the latter be withheld. | 4/21 |
| Worthington Wilson, Esq | | | " 24 | Returns to post. on leave reported | 5/15. |

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| Lloyd C. Griscom, Esq. U.S.N. | 240. | Apl 26 | Military Attaché Medical Observer. Surgeon Asst. Lynch has been granted extension of two months with the army in Manchuria. Corres$^{ce}$ encl'd | 5/15 |
| C | 241 | " 26. | Mining property of Henry Marcs near Port Arthur will receive full protection under International Law. Arts 107 and Encl corres$^{ce}$ with F.O. | 5/15 |
| C | 242 | " 22 | Publication of telegram rel to opening of hostilities. Text of tel to & from Dept rel to the, in the Foreign Relations for 1904. Account of interview with Min for F.A. Encl memo. of interview of Jap Min with Actg Sec'y Loomis | 5/15 |
| | | " 27. | Publication "Résumé Statistique" of Japan forwd | 5/15 |
| | 243 | " 27 | Books. W. W. Rockhill's Treaties of China & Corea requested | 5/20 |
| C | 244. | " 27. | Extradition of Ugaki Kametaro. Text of tel. of Apl 19; reason for refusal was that the U.S. holds that extraterritorial jurisdiction does not come within the meaning of extradition treaties; should be granted under promise of reciprocity. | 5/15 |
| | 245 | " 27 | Map of Japan, desired by Dept of Agriculture, in " 105, forwarded | 5/15 |
| C | 246 | " 27. | War with Russia. Defensive measures in Tsugaru Straits. Encl report from Consular Agent at Hakodate. | 5/15 |
| C | 247 | " 27 | Neutrality of France. Confirms tel of Apl 20. Excitement allayed by the French reply. | 5/15 |
| C | 248 | May 1 | Laws of Trusts for secured debentures. List of recent encl. | 5/20 |
| C | 249 | " 2. | Suit of Mark M. Trepinock. Refers to 118 and Encl's offensive letter from T. | 5/20 |
| C | Tel | " 6 | War between Russia and Japan. "King reports from Russian ships sunk Japanese Schooner off Sullow afternoon 5th | 5/6 |
| C | 250 | " 8. | Control of Korean Postal, telegraphic and railway service assumed by Japan. Encl text of agreement signed April 1. | 5/20 |
| C | 251 | " 10. | Extradition Treaty. Definition of Arbery in the treaty is unpracticable. Jap authorities believe such definition unnecessary as defects of Jap. legislation in this respect are soon to be remedied. | 6/5. |
| | 252 | " 10. | Text of tel. of May 6 to the Dept | 6/5 |
| C | 253 | " 10 | War with Russia. Text of tel. rec'd from Consul at Saitotei, Formosa. | 6/5. |
| C | Tel | " 11 | Yen subsidy 35000 yen has been granted. I have to-day made representations to the Min. for F.A. He declines to interfere unless presented with proof that subsidy is wrongfully expended. I have been unable to obtain such proof. I asked for public accounting of expenditure but request was refused with statement that the Jap Govt. is satisfied that the subsidy is properly expended. The Brit. Min. has protested and received similar reply." | 5/11 |
| C | Tel | " 13 | War with Russia. "Officially announced Formosa placed under martial law." | 5/13 |
| | 254 | " 15 | Newspapers for Legation. Ill$^{s}$ Tribunes and Santa Fe Chronicle requested | 6/5 |
| | 255 | " 15 | Text of tel. of May 13 to Dept | 6/5 |
| C | 256 | " 15. | War with Russia. Further extension of the drafting laws will place at the disposal of the Min of War 35000 trained troops and unlimited supply of recruits | 6/5. |
| F. R. '05 C | 257 | " 15 | Yen subsidy. Confirms tel. of May 11 and reports particulars of conversations with Min. for F.A. | 6/5. |
| C | 258 | " 15 | Loan. Fifth domestic, floated for Yen 100,000,000 | 6/5. |
| C | 259 | " 16 | Matting for export must pass examination at the Conditioning House. | 6/5. |
| | 260. | " 16. | Publication of tel. rel. to opening of hostilities. Encl comments of the Kobe Chronicle on. | 6/5 |
| C | 261 | " 16 | Seizure and subsequent release of the British SS "Oshan" and of cargo of livestock and provisions. Encl corres$^{ce}$ with Adolph Spitzel's attorneys who present a claim in the sum of $5424.$. A claim has been presented by the British Min. on behalf of the ship's owner (memo in MS) | 6/5. |
| | 262 | " 22 | Cable address. Registration fee amounts to 12 yen per annum | 6/12 |
| C | 263 | " 24 | Seizure and subsequent release of the British SS "Oshan." Refers to 261 and Encl's letter from claimants attorneys presenting claim for Yen 73712. They have been asked to furnish evidence of A. Spitzel's citizenship | 6/12 |
| C | 264 | " 24. | Property left at Port Arthur by W. Foristek. None was found in the house formerly occupied by him. Encl note from Min for F.A. | 6/ |
| C | 265 | " 26 | 719 arrived | 6/ |
| | | " 27 | List of Manchuria Inventories forwarded. | 6/ |

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| Japan | | | | |
| Lloyd C Griscom, Esq | 266. | May 27 | Administration of Manchurian territory conquered or occupied by the Japanese forces. Encloses reply of Min for For. Affs. to oral inquiries in regard to government and taxation | 6/22 |
| For. Rels. 06. | 267 | " 27 | Copyright Convention. Encs draft submitted by Min for For. Affs. confirms tel of May 16 and reports conversations with Japanese officials. | 6/22 |
| C | 268 | " 31 | Equipment for the Philippine Constabulary has been furnished as requested in 114 and forwarded to Gen Allen | 6/22 |
| C | Tel | " 27 | Naval battle in the Strait of Korea. Navy dept announces that all the fighting ships of the Baltic fleet were sighted this morning heading for Tshushima Strait | 5/27 |
| C | Tel | " 27 | Same subject "Announced officially Jap fleet engaged Baltic squadron in Tsushima Straits this afternoon. Heavy cannonading heard from shore." | 5/27 |
| C | Tel | " 27 | Same subject "King reports six warships passed off Sterup, Kurile islands, Thursday bound Northwest." | 5/27 |
| C | Tel | " 28 | Same subject. Japanese Navy Dept informs me total Baltic fleet and auxiliary vessel passed Formosa about 20 inst. | 5/27 |
| C | Tel | " 29 | Same subject. "Admiral Togo reports the result of fighting Saturday afternoon and night. His fleet sank one battleship Borodino class and four other large Russian naval vessels and captured two or three more. All large Japanese naval vessels escaped serious injury. The battle continued Sunday. Details unknown, but general result great Japanese victory." | 5/29 |
| C | Tel | " 29 | Same subject Togo reports total Russian losses Saturday and Sunday sunk following. two battle ships, one coast defender, five cruisers, two special service ships and three destroyers, captured following: two battleships, two coast defence, one special service, one destroyer, over 3000 prisoners. Jap squadron undamaged." | 5/29 |
| C | Tel | " 30 | Same subject. "officially announced all Russian battleships have been sunk except Orel and Nicholas 1st which were captured. Admirals Rojestvensky Volkersham and Nebogatoff, prisoners." | |
| C | Tel | " 31 | Same subject. "Rojestvensky seriously wounded hospital Sasebo. Two Russian hospital ships captured, suspected taking part strategically, brought Sasebo. Russian officers will be released on parole." | 5/30. |
| C | Tel | " 31 | Same subject. "Rojestvensky's skull fractured, requiring operation, serious but not dangerous. Total Jap losses to date three torpedo boats sunk, three officers killed, about 800 men killed and disabled." | 5/30. |
| C | Tel | " 31 | Same subject. "Officially reported in addition to main force most second class cruisers and subsidiary vessels destroyed so that whole Russian fleet practically annihilated. Cruisers Aurora and Almaz hitherto unreported probably sunk. Jap. torpedo operations most successful, sinking majority large vessels. Mist during battle prevented comprehensive report." | 5/31 |
| C | Tel | June 1 | Same subject. "officially announced admiral Volkersham was killed, not captured as reported in my tel 30th May". | 6/1 |
| C | ~ | " 1 | Military Attache's observer Mc Clernand and Pershing sailed for the front on May 30th. | 6/22 |
| C | ~ | " 1 | War with Russia Naval movements and defences in Tsugaru Strait. Encs report from Capt Young. | 6/22 |
| C | Tel | " 1 | Same subject "All my information indicates military expedition will leave for Saghalien" | 6/1 |
| | ~ | " 1 | Yokohama. Recognition granted to Carlyn Mitts. | 6/22 |
| C | 269 | " 2 | Contingent expenses cannot possibly be curtailed Diplomatic for next year req'd Rt. 128 | 6/22 |
| C | 270 | " 2 | Vital Statistics for Dr. Liversage forwarded as req'd in 112. | 6/22 |
| C | 271 | " 2 | Sinking, alleged, of an American vessel by the Russian fleet. Encs list of tels from the dept and notes from the Japanese. The vessel was English and named Oldhamia." | 6/22 |
| C | 272 | " 2 | War with Russia. Confirms tel of June 1 and tells about the importance of the expedition to Saghalien, from the Japanese front. | 6/22 |
| C | 273 | " 2 | Same subject. List of tels rel to the naval battle of Korean Straits and correspondence with dept for tels rel to possible terms of peace reported. | 6/22 |

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| Japan | | | | | |
| Lloyd C. Griscom, Esq. | F. R. '05 | Tel. | June 9 | Peace proposition of the President. "Your tel. of the morning of the 8th rec'd 8 P.M. to day and presented to the Jap. Govt. at 11 P.M. Answer follows to night." | 6/9 |
| | | Tel. | " 6 | Japanese Expedition. Inquires in timely way since it represented at, — | 6/9 |
| | F. R. '05 | c Tel | " 10 | Same subject. Text of Japan's reply. | 6/10 |
| | | c Tel | " 10 | Same subject. "Your two important tels. of the 8th reached here delayed about 20 hours in transmission. The first arrived six hours after the second." | 6/10 |
| | F. R. '05 | c 274 | " 10 | Same subject. Confirms and encls. text of tels. from & to Dept. and notes to and from Min. for F.A. Reports interview with the latter who had rec'd confirmation of President's stat from the legation at Washington. | 7/5 |
| | F. R. '05 | Tel | " 18 | Same subject. Interview with the Minister for F.A. Will act on full powers. | 7/5 |
| | | Tel | " 18. | Same subject. Announcement that Japan will submit further questions regarding belligerent rights. | 7/18 |
| | | c Tel. | " 19 | Publications. Encls. two copies of the "Statistical Annual of Japan" | 7/25 |
| | | Tel | " 18. | Peace proposition, eq. The Japanese F.O. desires to know whether the peace conference delegates & suite can be exempted from the declaration and medical examination. | 6/19 |
| | | c Tel. | " 21 | Same subject. Instructions contained in President's tel. received yesterday have been carried out. | 6/21 |
| | | c 275 | " 22 | Removal of private property from Port Arthur. Encls. regulations for the — | 7/25 |
| | | c 276 | " 22 | Peace propositions, eq. Encls. translations of Japanese press comment on — | 7/25 |
| | | c 277 | " 23 | Same subject. Confirms tels. to & from Dept. and reports interview with Min. for F.A. | 7/25 |
| | | 278 | " 27 | Publications. Encls. statistical report for Dept. Agriculture. Rep. #123. | 7/27 |
| | | 279 | " 28 | Naval battle in the Straits of Korea. Corrects error in tel. of May 27, 5th | 7/27 |
| | | c 280 | " 29 | Anti-American agitation in China. Discusses the situation and encloses correp. with the Foreign Office & translation of newspaper article rel. to — | 7/27 |
| | | c 281 | " 29 | Seizure and subsequent release of the British S.S. Sikhan. Refers to his 261 & 269 and encls. dispatch from the Con. Genl. at Shanghai reporting the reputation of Adolph Spitzel as unsavory. | 7/27 |
| | | c 282 | " 29 | Peace proposition, eq. Encls. resolutions passed by political parties rel. to peace terms. | 7/27 |
| | | 283 | " 29 | War with Russia. Encls. dispatch from Con. Agt. at Hakodate reply military & naval actions. | 7/27 |
| | F. R. '05 | c Tel | " 29 | Same subject. Advantages conferred upon Japanese merchants in Manchuria. "The Jap. Military Commander has by proclamation opened to the Japanese merchants for trade and travel the following Manchurian towns: Tashikiao, Old Newchwang, Haicheng, Anshantien, Liaoyang, Kaiping, Fungwangcheng, Saimachi. In view of the advantage thus given Jap. merchants, I made inquiry to day of Min. for F.A. and was informed that it is purely mil. measure." | 7/27 |
| | | c 284 | " 30. | Yokohama. Increase of salary of Consul Smith at Endorses request of C. G. Miller in | 7/27 |
| | | 285 | July 3 | War with Russia. Military and naval movements at Hakodate and Aomori. Encls. report from Consul King. | 7/25 |
| | | 286 | " 3. | Same subject. Confirms tel. of June 29. | 7/25 |
| | | 287 | " 6 | Death of Secy Hay. Encls. note from Min. for F.A. and reports general sentiment of regret and sympathy. | 7/25 |
| | | 288 | " 6 | 127 arrived | 7/25 |
| | | c 289 | " 7 | War with Russia. Martial law abolished in Formosa and the Pescadores. | 7/25 |
| | | 290 | " 7 | Ministry of Finance of Japan. Organization of the, as shown in Encl'd official statement | 7/25 |
| | F. R. '05 | c 291 | " 7 | Peace Commission. Appointment of Baron Jutaro Komura, Min. for F.A. as Plenipotentiary reported. Gives names and titles of members of his suite, and encls. text of Emperor's instructions to Baron Komura. | 7/25 |
| | | Tel | " 8 | Same subject. Baron Komura, Peace Plenipotentiary, sailed a day. Steamer "Minnesota". | 7/8 |
| | | c Tel | " 9 | War with Russia. "Sakhalien has been occupied by Jap. military expedition." | 8/9 |
| | | c Tel. | " 7 | Visit of Secy of War Taft. Luncheon of the Emperor to honor the Secy and the ladies and gentlemen in his party as his guests at the Imperial Palace | 7/7 |
| | | c Tel | " 12 | Same subject. Reports action taken on Dept's tel. The Emperor accepts and understands that Miss Roosevelt should stay at the legation but hopes Secy Taft will be his guest if but for a day. | 7/17 |
| | | c " | " 17 | Meeting of Military Surgeons. A Japanese naval surgeon will attend the. | 8/7 |
| | | 292 | " 13 | Coinage Report for the director of the Mint forwarded | 7/28 |
| | | c 293 | Aug 1 | Visit of Secy of War Taft and of Miss Roosevelt to Japan. Text of tel. from Con. Gen. gives full account of the receptions given the party by officials and people and comments on the unofficial character, and the unbounding appreciation | |

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| Lloyd C. Griscom, Esqr. | c 294. | Aug 2 | Property of Mr. Friede in Manchuria. 133 hrs. been communicated to Jap. Govt | 8/14 |
| | 295 | " 3 | Text of tel of July 8 to Dept | 8/14 |
| | 296 | " 3 | Text of tel of July 8 to Dept | 8/15 |
| | c 297 | " 7 | Fate or whereabouts. Mumuey Vasiliwitz Yankalinitz left Port Arthur at the beginning of the war to join Kuropatkin's army. Rpts 144. | 9/13 |
| | c 298 | " 9 | Inventory of property and archives forwarded | 9/13 |
| | c 299 | " 23 | Meeting of Militating Surgeons. Surgeon Gen. I. Suzuki, of the Navy, has been designated to represent Japan at this. | 9/ |
| | c 300 | " 24 | Convention between Korea and Japan extending to Japanese vessels the right to navigate Korean coast and inland waters. Text sent | 9/16 |
| Huntington Wilson, Secy. | | " 31 | articles de American foreign service submitted for approval. | |
| | c Tel | Sept. 5 | Seizure of S.S. "Montara" in Nikolaievsk Harbor, Aug. 16 reported - was carrying provisions for the Russians from one port to another under contract with Russian Govt. Detained Yokosuka naval station. Capt. has had preliminary examination before prize court and is at Yokohama. No decision yet. | 9/5 |
| | c Tel. | " 6 | Rioting in Tokio reported - consequent upon police interference in a mass meeting to protest against the terms of the Treaty of Peace with Russia. Police used swords without fatalities occurring. Mob attacked house of Home Min. and set fire to part of P.O. and damaged pro-Govt newspaper offices. Three mobs of 1000 each are rioting through the city destroying Govt property. Troops are assisting police - Legation compound guarded by 50 soldiers, owing to attitude of crowd, it has been increased to 300. Several foreigners have been stoned in the streets. Other Legations similarly guarded. | 9/5 |
| | c Tel. | " 6 | Same subject. Reports military guard withdrawn from Legation at 7 a.m. and now replaced by a guard of 8 soldiers. No rioting in city this morning. Yesterday 300 rioters and 200 police were injured - most police stations were wrecked - hostility being almost exclusively directed against police. Anxiety of authorities regarding Legation due to its location between a police station and the house of Marquis Ito. At 11 p.m. crowd in front of Legation was still unturned, but was easily dispersed. | 9/5 |
| | c Tel. | " 6 | Same subject. Rioting renewed in Tokio. Streets patrolled by troops - 220 soldiers placed in this Legation | 9/6. |
| | c Tel. | " 7 | Same subject - Rioting continued. Martial law proclaimed - strict press regulations promulgated, which measures have a quieting tendency. Legation guard diminished. | |
| | c Tel. | " 8 | Same subject - Last night 6 Christian churches of which 4 were American wholly or partly destroyed by rioters. At request of missionaries, Min. addressed note to F.O. for protection, and necessary guards have been asked for. No rioting today. | |
| | c Tel. | " 8 | Seizure of Brit. bark "Retriever" north of Kaghalien Island about Aug. 31. Alleged cargo foodstuffs and salt. Details cannot be ascertained until she reaches port. | 9/9 |
| | c Tel. | " 8 | Rioting in Tokyo - Under strong military control order and quiet have been restored and Legation guard is reduced to 8 soldiers. | 9/8 |
| | c 301 | " 9 | Extradition Treaty - supplementary - reports Jap. Govt still opposed to definition of bribery appearing in the | 10/2 |
| | c Tel. | " 11 | Seizure of the S.S. "Australia": Undesirables have engaged counsel - owners fully advised - | 9/11 |
| | c Tel. | " 10 | Same subject - S.S. seized Aug. 30 at Petropavlovsk - preliminary judicial examination Yokosuka - prize court Sept. 1 - trial about Oct. 2 - cargo provisions alleged destined for Russ. Govt. Capt & crew now at Yokohama - | 9/10 |
| | c Tel | " 10 | Rioting in Tokyo - Explains reasons for anti-foreign feeling, states it is not general. Attacks on churches incidental; directed more against American Church. Newspapers blamed in the matter, six of which have been suspended. Probable change in Cabinet upon Baron Komura's return. Martial law still in force & Legation guard will be continued. | |
| | c Tel | " 11 | Leave of absence for 30 days requested to go to Seoul, Peking returning about Oct 10th when Dist meets. | |
| Irwin B. Laughlin 2d Secy. | c Tel. | " 11 | Leave of absence. Request 60 days leave. Minister approves. | |
| Lloyd C. Griscom Esq. Min. | c 302 | " 11 | Property left at Port Arthur by Miss Beatrice Bavanda. Min. for For. Affairs reports that no such property can be found. Encloses Sept. 9/05 fr. Consul Katsuma, Min for F.A. rel. to | 10/2 |
| | c 303 | " 11 | Mining property of Henry Marcs near Port Arthur. Min for For. Aff. reports that this property cannot be identified. Encls. Sept. 8/05 from Min for. F.A. | 10/2 |
| | c 304 | " 11 | Seizure of the S.S. "Australia" Confirms tels. intended Sept. 7, 10 & 11 - 1905 - Gives particulars as to ownership of; cause for seizure; date of trial for the libel against her & disposal of crew of. | 10/2 |
| | c 305 | " 11 | Seizure of S.S. "Montara". Confirms tels. intended Sept. 3 & 5/05. Gives particulars as to seizure | 10/- |
| | c Tel | " 13 | Rioting in Yokohama. "Considerable rioting occurred last night in Yokohama. Ten police stations were destroyed. Troops have been send from Tokyo and quiet restored." | |
| | c Tel | " 15 | Leave of Absence. "My request leave of absence withdrawn". | |
| | c 306 | " 15 | Rioting in Tokyo &c. Makes details report of the Confirms tels. Encls. Sept 7/05 to Min. For Aff. | 10/2 |

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| Lloyd C. Griscom Ex & M.P. | 307 | Sept 15 | Military Attaché's Observers. Confirms Dept's tel. Sept. 9/05 rel to withdrawal of Gen'l. Macarthur and three other Officers from the front:- Other Officers have been notified - Japan thanks for courtesies | 9/26 |
| | 308 | " 15 | President's message to the Emperor of Japan rel. to peace terms. - Has delivered said message, His Majesty expressing appreciation of the President's sentiments. | 10/2 |
| | x 309 | " 15 | Posting in Tokio re. Enclosed Martial Law Ordinance (translation) and of editorial. Also interview with Mayor of Tokio denying existence of anti-American feeling. | 10/2 |
| Irwin Laughlin, 2nd Sec. | — | " 17 | Leave. Departure for Korea on, this day, reported. | 10/12 |
| Lloyd C. Griscom, Ch. d'A. | c | Tel. " 23 | Seizure "Owners of Montara are represented by Counsel. Cases are appealable within 30 days." | 9/20. |
| | c | 310 " 23 | Same subject: Confirms the foregoing. N. W. M'Ivor has been engaged by Lloyd's to defend the cases of the "Montara" and "Australia" | 10/12 |
| | c | 311 " 23 | War. Loss of life during the return cited by the Jiji Shimpo at 72450 for Japan | 10/12 |
| | c | 312 " 23 | Interpreter of Legation. Increased Salary and change of title to Japanese Secretary again recommended. Refers to and Encl. copy of No 20. | 10/12 |
| | c | 313 " 20 | Leave. Text of tel. to inform the Dept. Withdrawal was cabled before receipt of Dept's tel. | 10/12 |
| | c | Tel " 23 | Seizure of the Antiope. "I have to day requested Min for F.A. that the case of Antiope receive early consideration and, if possible, to release ship without recourse to prize court. The U.S. Consul at Hakodate reports that although the cargo was formally consigned to private parties, yet the private instructions of the captain which were seized by the Japanese show that the real consignee of half of the cargo is the Russo Chinese Bank. Preliminary examination by the Prize Court was held the 18th. The result is unknown." | 9/13. |
| | c | Tel " 30 | Seizure of the "Barracouta". "Representations in behalf of the Steamer Barracouta unavailing. Preliminary examination completed. Ship is held for trial Yokosuka Prize Court." | 9/30. |
| | c | 314 Oct 3 | Same subject: Text of tel from and to Dept and of memorandum left at the F.O. Owner's statement from the agent of the Pacific Mail S.S. Co and report: present status of the case. owners of the cargo have turned the matter over to underwriters | 10/3 |
| | | 315 " 2. | Kobe. Temporary recognition has been granted R. S. Greene as U.S. Consular | 10/18. |
| | c | 316 " 2 | Seizure of the "Antiope" Refers to tel. of Sept 23 and reports in detail action taken by the legation. Encl. papers bearing on the case | 10/28. |
| | c | Tel " 4 | Understanding between the U.S. represented by Sec. of War Taft and Japan in regard to the Philippines and Korea. Reports rumor put in circulation by the Kokumin a Govt organ in regard to same, which is presented as being tantamount to our alliance | 10/5 |
| | c | Tel " 5 | Seizure of the Antiope and Barracouta. Release as requested in tel of Oct 2 cannot be obtained. naval authorities will not permit the vessels to sail for Nikolaievsk before the ratification of the treaty even if released on board by court | 10/5 |
| | c | 317 " 6 | Student Interpreters. Appointment of, recommended | 10/28 |
| | c | 318 " 9 | Understanding between the U.S. and Japan. Confirmation of Oct 4 and quotes art of the Kokumin | |
| | | 319 " 10 | Peace between Japan & Russia. Address of thanks to the President by the representatives of Felicitations forwarded | 10/25. |
| | c | Tel " 1 | Seizure of the Antiope. "Your telegrams in relation to the seizure Antiope were received. The Yokosuka Prize court has now decided to hold ship for trial and interested parties are notified to appear before Oct 29. The Japanese F.O. declines to intervene while such cases are before the court. As far as can be ascertained, the owners have not yet retained Counsel." | 10/6 |
| | c | Tel " 10 | Same subject. The Japanese Govt. differs from the opinion expressed by the Dept in telegram of Oct 6 and insists that the detention of the prize is as much an incident of legal procedure as ever. Quotes note received from Min for F.A. | 10/10. |
| | c | 320 " 17 | Treaty of Peace. Ratification of the, announced in encl note from Min for F.A. and Imperial Edict. Publication of the treaty, together with that of alliance with Great Britain, as well as the presence of British warships had a decided effect in allaying public unrest; but political feeling is believed to be as strong as ever. | 10/9 |
| | c | Tel " 16 | Capture of the American Steamer Continued by Japanese naval vessels on the 12th instant reported | |

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| Lloyd C. Griscom, Esq. | Tel | Oct 17 | Seizure." The representatives here of the Barracouta and Antiope have no authority to give bond or proceed before prize court with arrangement described in your telegram of 15th." | 10/17 |
| C | 321 | " 19 | Decorations for American military attachés observers. Encs note from Mem for FO requiring whether required authority of Congress may be obtained | 11/13 |
| C | Tel | " 24 | Seizure of the Centennial." I have obtained from the master of the SS "Centennial documents clearly showing that her cargo was shipped by Bameson Hubbard Company in fulfilment of their partner Christensen's contract with Emil Vesino representing the Russian Govt at Shanghai" | 10/24 |
| C | 322 | " 24 | Same subject. Confirms Wr of Oct. 16 and 24 and encs copies referred to in the letter. | 11/13 |
| C | Tel | " 24. | Leave to visit the US." Whenever you think the situation permits, I should like leave when to the US." | 10/24 |
| C | 323 | " 25. | Property left at Port Arthur by W. Soutete. Refers to 264, Encs note forwarding to the Mem for FA. further data furnished by Soutete, and report of the military authorities at Port Arthur as to their inability to identify the property. | 11/13 |
| C | 324 | " 25 | Contingent Expenses. Balance due him for the fiscal year 1905 amounts to $642.24 for which he will draw now. | 11/13 |
| C | 325 | " 25 | Seizure of the Barracouta and Antiope. Encs text of Wr. from and to Dept and reports at length action of the Legation in the cases. | 11/13 |
| C | Tel | " 25 | Seizure of vessels during armistice." The Emp. of Japan has decided as an act of grace to release ships captured during the armistice provided owners of ships and cargoes relinquish all possible claims for damages. The Mikasa for FO wishes to know if the Barracouta and Antiope desire to avail of this." | 10/25 |
| C | Tel | " 24 | Leave of interpreter." Miller requests leave to return to the US. I approve." | 10/27 |
| C | 326 | " 24 | Seals for the President. Officially transd copy of the Year book of Japan 1904-5 | 11/2 |
| C | 327 | Nov 6. | Return of the Antiope" on 1902 and of the Barracouta" on the 5th reported. Encs note of thanks to the Mem for FA. | 11/13 |
| C | 328 | " 6 | Traffic in American prostitutes does not exist in Japan Rte 138. | 11/2 |
| C | 329 | " 6 | Visit of the USS "Wisconsin" to Yokohama on the occasion of the review of the Japanese fleet, and of the British fleet's visit reported. Exemplary conduct of the American men of war now a source of pride. | 11/2 |
| C | 330 | " 6 | Cabinet. Legations refused to Consular officers at, for the present. Rte 136 and 139; Encs note to and from Mem for FA; even an informal opinion as to when they will be granted cannot be obtained. | 11/2 |
| C | 331 | " 6. | Leave granted by tel. of Oct 27 will be availed of on the 18th. | 11/2 |
| C | Tel | " 6 | Korea." Marquis Ito has started for Seoul to investigate conditions and develop Japanese policy in Korea." | 11/6 |
| C | Tel | " 6 | China Negotiations with." Baron Komura left here for Peking to day, Special Ambassador, to negotiate matters requiring under the Portsmouth treaty consultation with the Chinese Govt." | 11/6 |
| | 332 | " 9 | Reciprocity treaty between the US and Japan advocated in Encs editorial of the Jiji Shimpo" | 11/2 |
| Rumsford Miller, Interpreter<br>Lloyd C. Griscom, Esq. | C | " 10 | Departure on leave for the US will be made Nov 18. | 11/2 |
| For. Rels. 06 | C Tel | " 10. | "Copyright Convention signed to day." | |
| | C 333 | " 10 | Same subject. Encs signed text of the Convention and notes exchanged as to the limitation of the copyright to works published after the exchange of ratifications. | 11/2 |
| | C 334 | " 10 | Korea. Mission of Marquis Ito to. Confirms tel of Nov 6 refers to same, and reports the little information imparted in regard to its purpose | 11/2 |
| | C 335 | " 10 | China. Negotiations with. Confirms tel of Nov 6 and reports conversation with Baron Komura in regard to the object of his mission | 11/2 |
| | C 336 | " 10 | Leave of Interpreter. Text of tel. to, from Dept. Arrangements have been made with Prof. Ernest W. Clement to discharge the duties of interpreter | 11/2 |
| | C 337 | " 10 | Extradition supplementary treaty may be concluded, if the offenses of bribery [illegible] | 11/2 |

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| Japan | | | | |
| Lloyd C. Griscom, Esq. | 338. | Nov 12. | Property of H. B Campbell at Port Arthur. Only a part of the articles in his list 137 has been found. Encs note from the FO. | 12/11 |
| Ivan B. Laughlin, 2nd Secy | " | " 14. | Returns to post this day reported. | 14/11 |
| Lloyd C Griscom, Esq. | " | " 15. | Military Attache's Report of Gen McArthur for $350.00 Encl | 17/11 |
| Huntington Wilson Asst Sec | Tel | " 19. | "Minister sailed San Francisco today. Have taken charge" | 11/19 |
| C | Tel | " 19 | Capture "Montara" was condemned in the lower Prize court upon the ground of being in the service of the Russian Govt. Appeal lies in this case until 20th inst. But Lloyds underwriters, to whom all parties interested have abandoned, have not yet informed their attorney here as to whether to appeal." | 11/19. |
| | 339 | " 20 | Text of tel of Nov 19 to the Asst. | 21/11 |
| For. Rels. 06. C | 340 | " 22. | Property left at Port Arthur and Dalny. Gives names of American owners of and reports that after many refusals, he has secured promise of War Minister that representatives of parties interested will be allowed in about a fortnight to visit both places and investigate. | 12/11 |
| C | 341 | " 22. | Capture of the Montana. Text of tel from to Dept — Appeal will be filed this day by Lloyds' attorney. Substance of the judgment given | 12/11 |
| C | 342 | " 23. | Submarine mines laid by Japanese Navy in the direction of Vladivostok Encs note from FO giving number and places of, and requesting similar information from Russia. | 12/11 |
| | 343 | " 24. | Tel 144 acted. | 12/11 |
| C | 344 | " 24. | Land Claim of George W Lake. Encs Japanese list and translation of judicial proceedings of Frederick B Lake vs the Governor of Nagasaki 1 Encl. R. & S. | 12/11 |
| C | 341 | " 25. | Trade Marks. Protection of, in China. McCoy Refers to the Dept's tel. 168 Aug 19th. I have ascertained that the Jap Govt. prefer to arrange for mutual protection of trade marks in China by a convention requiring ratification; also, that they are prepared to provide by the same convention for the similar protection of trade marks in Korea, by means of the competent courts to be established under the Jap. Resident General, and by our Consular Courts in Korea. | 11/25 |
| C | 345. | " 27 | Same subject Text of tel from to Dept. Reports conversations with several officers of the Foreign Office. | 12/28 |
| F. R. '05 | 346 | " 30. | Korea. Diplomatic relations of. Encs text of Dept's tel. and of acknowledgment from the FO. Prompt action of the Dept has been received in Japan as a valued evidence of friendship and good will. Encs article of the "Jiji." | 12/29 |
| | Tel | " 30 | Martial law and press restrictions of Japan's removed last night | 11/30 |
| C | 347 | Dec 1. | Capture of the "Antiope." The vessel was released yesterday, but the cargo of salt condemned by the Yokosuka Prize Court. | 12/2 |
| Huntington Wilson | | 1 | In re pending appeal Text of Tel to Dept at this date | 1 |
| C | 348 | " 1 | Capture of the "Montana." Refers to 341 and Encs text of the judgment of condemnation therein referred to | 12/13. |
| C | 349 | " 1. | Korea. Assumption of the diplomatic representation of, by Japan. Encs text of convention of Nov. 17. | 12 |
| Lloyd C Griscom Esq | 349a | " 6 | Books for legation, requested | 12 |
| | 350 | " 7. | Budget of Japan for 1906. Analysis of the, forwarded | 12 |
| C | 351 | " 8 | Steamship lines between Japan and Latin America. Reports the preparations made by the Japanese Toyo Kisen Kaisha Co. and the French C. les Chargeurs Reunis. | 12 |
| C | 352 | " 11 | Diplomatic Service of Japan. Reorganization of the. Encs tables showing rank, salaries, and allowance of diplomatic officers and employés | 12 |
| Lloyd C. Griscom, Esq. | Tel | " 11 | Arrival at Richmond reported. Address 118 East 71st Street New York | 13/11 |
| | Tel | " 14 | Same subject. Will arrive Arlington Hotel Washington this morning. Please send mail there. | |
| Huntington Wilson, Asst Sec | Tel | " 17 | Military Attache's mail & Dispatches from Manchuria received contain exclusively Military Attache's mail. | 18/12 |
| C | 353 | " 16 | Suit of Mark M. Trepconoff will be summed by his lawyer in Nagasaki. Refs 146 and Encs correspondence with Consul at Nagasaki | 12 |
| | 354 | " 18 | Encls. Text of tel from and to Dept relative to as missing. | 12 |
| Lloyd C. Griscom Esq | " | " 20 | Arrival at Washington Nov 14 reported. Address Talabrau, Haverford Pa | 22/12 |
| R. S. Mudie, Interpreter | " | " 20 | Arrival at Washington Nov 14 reported. Address: Ithaca, New York | 12 |

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| Japan | | | | |
| Huntington Wilson, Chargé | 355 | Dec. 20 | Thanks of the President to villagers of Fukushima prefecture. Encl letter conveying the | 1/18. |
| | Tel | " 21 | Korea. Article of Japan-Korea treaty: "Marquis Ito has been appointed Resident General at Seoul." | 1/21. |
| | C Tel | " 21 | Treaty between China and Japan. "Min. for F.A. informed me to day that the negotiations with China terminated in an agreement signed the 18th inst. He was glad to say that the results were satisfactory to Japan. Publication of the terms may be withheld until Baron Komura's return." | 1/21. |
| | C 356 | " 24 | Same subject. Confirms the foregoing, and reports interview with Count Katsura. The agreement was not signed until the 22. | 1/22 |
| | Tel | " 22 | Cabinet Changes. "It is reported that the Katsura cabinet will go out of office early in January." | 12/22 |
| | 357 | " 24 | Same subject. Confirms the foregoing. Opposition to the cabinet, born of the unpopular terms of peace, has considerably subsided among the people but remained intense among the politicians and the press and has been aggravated by the dismissal, and resignation, of professors of the Imperial University of Tokyo | 1/22 |
| | 358 | " 26. | Tidal data have been forwarded to the C. & G. Survey | 1/22 |
| | C Tel | " 28. | Chinese Mission to the U.S. "Their Excellencies Tuan Fang, formerly Gov. Yunnan and Taibongtsai, viz Ministers of Finance, Chinese Commissioners sailed San Francisco N.K. Siberia" with suite of 39 and 12 servants. Spend three weeks in America." | 12/28 |
| | C 359 | " 28 | Same subject. Confirms the foregoing and gives further information concerning this and another mission to Japan. England Belgium & Russia | 1/22 |
| | C Tel | " 29 | Third assistant Secretary. "Accept with pleasure and many thanks to the President and yourself." | 12/29 |
| | Tel | " 28. | Contingent expenses. "May I draw the next quarter's contingent fund?" | 12/28. |
| | 360 | " 30. | Political. Meeting of the Diet on the 28 and complexion of the House reported; quotes speech of the Emperor and Ems reply and congratulatory address of the House | 1/22 |
| Lloyd C. Griscom, Esq. | a | " 29 | Contingent expenses. Asks that Chargé Wilson be authorized to draw for | 12/29 |
| | a | " 29 | Leave of 60 days from January 1 requested. | 12/29 |
| Huntington Wilson, Chargé | 361 | " 31 | Pouch missing from the S.S. "Manchuria". Refers to previous cover and encl note from Johannes P.O. stating that it was delivered in San Francisco | 1/22 |
| | C 362 | " 30 | Ambassador of Great Britain to Japan. Sir Claude Maxwell MacDonald late Minister to China, presented his credentials this morning. | 1/22 |
| For. Rels. 06. | 363 | 1906 Jan 2. | Korea. Control of. Encl text of ordinance organizing the Residency General and Residencies in Korea, and presents a brief statement of the powers and duties of the incumbents. | 1/5. |
| Rumsford S. Miller, Int. | a | " 2 | Leave of 60 days from January 1 requested | 1/5 |
| Lloyd C. Griscom, Esq. | a | " 3 | Home leave on the ligation grounds by Interpreter Miller. Encl with his recommendation Miller's request that it be purchased by the Govt of the U.S. and Archbold's statement of the cost amounting to 6535.16 yen | 1/8. |
| Huntington Wilson, Chargé | 364 | " 3. | Chinese Students in Japan. Encl regulations issued by the Japanese Govt. in view of the ever increasing number of the students in choosing schools and lodgings for the students, and the requirement of a letter of recommendation from their representative led over 1000 of them to return to China. But explanation published by the Japanese Govt allayed the excitement. In November the number of students was estimated at 8000 | 1/21 |
| For. Rels. 06. | C 365 | " 8. | Consular Convention between the U.S. and Japan. Points out the deficiencies of the existing treaty provisions, and encl draft of a, intended to remedy them; encl. letters from and to the American Asiatic Association of Japan, text of consular convention between Japan and Germany, and extracts from the treaties of 1847 and 1900 of Japan with Belgium and Germany | 1/21 |
| | C 366 | " 8 | Peace negotiations at Portsmouth. Encl official text of the protocols of die, and calls attention to passage on page 60 which seems to indicate that Baron Komura means an abandonment of securing the whole of Sachalin island | 1/21 |

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| Huntington Wilson, Chargé | ½ 367 | Jan 9. | Condemnation of the captured British Str "Antiope." Enc's text of judgment; appeal case has not yet been decided | 2/30 |
| | Tel | " 8 | New cabinet gazetted last night. Premier, Marquis Saionji; Minister Foreign Affairs, "Takaaki Kato." | 2/8 |
| | 368 | " 9 | Same subject. Confirms the foregoing; gives names and nationality of all the members of the new cabinet. | 2/8. |
| For. Rels. 06. | C ½ 369 | " 9 | Ambassador of Japan to the United States. Appointment of Viscount Aoki was made Jan 7 and gazetted this day. Record of the new Ambassador | 2/21. |
| For. Rels. 06. | C ½ 370 | " 12 | Treaty and additional agreement between China and Japan relative to Manchuria Enc's Chinese and Japanese text, and English translation of the, and summaries their provisions. Certain protocols have been signed but are kept secret. | 2/13 |
| | C ½ 371 | " 15 | Outrage on W. M. Taylor by Japanese soldiery in Korea. Enc's Ts statement and those of Mr & Mrs Metzgall his British Contravisions, notes of protest to the Japanese Minister at Seoul and the Min for F.A. at Tokyo; the British Ambassador has also taken up the matter with the Japanese Govt | 2/13 |
| For. Rels. 06. | C ½ 372 | " 18. | Property left at Port Arthur and Dalny. Arrangements are being perfected to permit owners to visit both places and investigate. Formerly had been exceptionally granted the Agent of the American Trading Co. to visit Port Arthur but only as an ordinary traveler. Enc's memo. of steps taken by the Legation in the matter, note requesting permits for Messrs Mclaren, Fridde and Comstock, and note from the F.O announcing the early removal of restrictions | 2/13 |
| For. Rels. 06. | ½ 373 | " 19 | Korea. Japanese Residencies in. Enc's note announcing the establishment of, and the closing of the Legation and Consulates on Feb. 1. | 2/13 |
| c | Tel | " 17 | Ambassador of the U.S. to Japan." I am sure Wright will be accepted. The Jap. Govt's delay in answering is due to routine formalities. I am expecting reply in a day or two." | 2/17 |
| c | ½ Tel | " 18 | Same subject." Min. for F.A. asks me to inform you that H.M. the Emperor of Japan will be glad to receive Hon Wright as Ambassador." | 2/18 |
| c | Tel | " 19 | Treaty between China and Japan." I have obtained the Jap. Govt's consent to communicate to you in strict confidence the secret protocols of the Peking treaty, if you instruct me to do so." | 2/19 |
| | Tel | " 19 | Wedding present for Miss Roosevelt. Friendly instruct examination for a case addressed to Japanese Legation requested by the Jap Govt. | 2/19 |
| C | 374 | " 19 | Mining Concession of Colbran and Bostwick in Korea. Enc's letter from C.G. at Seoul transmitting complaint of C. & B. against the action of the Korean Govt (re concessions into Korea) and note laying the matter before the Jap. Min for F.A. | 2/13 |
| c | 375 | " 19 | Mukden." The Jap. Govt. regret that they cannot permit any foreign consul to reside in the region of Mukden until the complete withdrawal of troops from that locality restores it to normal conditions." | 2/19 |
| C ½ | 375 | " 23 | Same subject. Confirms the foregoing | 2/19 |
| | 376 | " 23 | Seal of U.S. of Jan 19 to the Swords | 2/19 |
| ½ | 377 | " 23 | Ambassador of the U.S. to Japan. Seal of U.S. from and to Dept and of note to F.O. | 2/19 |
| | 378 | " 23 | Kobe. Certificate of Roger S. Greene as Vice Consul at, has been forwarded to Washington | 2/19 |
| | 379 | " 25 | "147 complied with. | 2/19 |
| | 380 | " 25. | Clerk and Stenographer for Legation. Secretary C. J. Arnell &c, have been engaged at the rate of $63.12 a month, and board and lodging | 2/19 |
| C ½ | 381 | " 27 | Commission of Dr. Veltler in regard to emigration of Korean laborers to Hawaii. Enc's copy of the, and his letter requesting the good offices of the Legation to consult the framing of regulations, on account of which his business has been suspended. The matter has been submitted to the Secretary for F.A. | 2/19 |
| | 382 | " 29 | Postal service between Tokyo and Seoul recommended | 2/19 |
| | 383 | " 30 | Book by the President in "152 has been delivered to the Emperor Enc's notes to and from the Min. for F.A. | 2/19 |
| Misc. Rels. 06. | C ½ 384 | Feb 1. | Property left at Port Arthur and Dalny. Owners of, will be allowed to visit the places for the purpose of examining and disposing of the; Enc's regulations and corresp't just [illegible] permits have been issued to Messrs. Fridde, Owners of the Am. Trading Co and [illegible] Korean consul difficulty was experienced because he omitted [illegible] | 2/19 |

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| Huntington Wilson, Actg Asst Sec'y | Tel | Feb 1 | Protection of German interests in Formosa. "The German Min. desires that the U.S. Consul at Formosa be authorized to act for the German Consul there during his absence of a fortnight from the 6th instant." | 2/1 |
| | ℄ 385 | " 5 | Same subject. Tel of 4th to and from Dept | 3/5 |
| | 386 | " 5. | Philippines. Rumor of a disposition to sell the, circulated in London and Berlin have been made subject comments by the Japanese press; but the Berlin views of the Min. for F.A. manifested keen interest in the subject during a conversation with Asst Sec. Langhorne, the Filipinos in Japan are said to view the possibility of such sale with alarm; cites recedents and incidents which would justify a stoppage of Japan's political and commercial expansion in the Far East | 3/5 |
| | 387 | " 8. | Permission for Naval Constructor Bow to visit shipyard was at once granted as requested in his No. 154; the visit took place on Feb 5. | 3/5 |
| | Tel | " 12. | Chinese Commissioners to Europe. Second Chinese Commissioners, mentioned Dept 359, sail Seattle tomorrow, SS Dakota. Suite 27 and 9 servants. Commissioners and part of suite visit Washington few days. | 2/12 |
| | 388 | " 12 | Same subject. Confirms the foregoing; gives names of the Commissioners and of the places they are to visit. The mission receives but the customary official courtesies while in Japan | 3/10 |
| For. Rels. 06. | 389 | " 13 | Korea. Japan's policy in, as outlined in speeches of Marquis Ito. Emb's newspaper articles on the | 3/5 |
| | C 390 | " 16. | Decorations for American officers. Emb's list of, and of names (10) of officers and notes to and from Min for F.A. P. 153. | 3/13 |
| | ℄ 391 | " 16. | Treaty between Japan and China. Secret protocols of the, Enclosed and discussed. Text of tel to and from Dept and of note from Min. | 3/13 |
| | C 392 | " 19 | Debt and taxation. Statement of the war and domestic debts amounting to ¥ 395,264,921 yen and of financial legislation intended to extinguish by the end of 1942. Comments on the great number of taxes and heavy cost of collecting them | 3/13 |
| Lloyd C. Griscom, Ex. Asst. Huntington Wilson, Chd'aff | Tel | " 19 | Address. "Please forward mail 115 East 71st St. New York." | 3/19 |
| | C 393. | " 20. | Property left at Port Arthur by Lieut Campbell. Refers to No. 158 and refers to Legation's ¥384 as to the proper method to follow for the recovery of the | 3/23 |
| | C ½ 394 | " 21 | Famine. Refers tel of Feb 16 and Emb's notes exchanged with Min for F.A. in regard to the remittance of ¥10000 | 3/28 |
| For. Rels. 06. | 395 | " 23 | Visit of Prince Arthur of Connaught to deliver the order of the Garter to the Emperor, and to the Legation on Washington's birthday reported. | 3/25 |
| | C ½ 396 | " 26 | Famine. Refers tel of Feb 22 and Emb's cover. | 3/28 |
| | ℄ 397 | " 28. | Jamestown Tricentennial Celebration. Wish of the Board of Governors that Field Marshal Oyama and Admiral Togo attend the, has been made known informally to the Vice Minister for F.A. | 3/28 |
| | C 398 Mar 1. | | Anti foreign agitation in China, and Filipino Revolutionists. Encouragement and assistance said to be given to, by Japanese. Emb's letter from Rev H. Loomis citing names of Japanese connected and reports interview with Vice Minister and Min for F.A. who both admit that innumerable Japanese may be found in such societies, but believe that the instigators are really Chinese students back from Japan. Emb's article of the Japanese press bearing on the rumor and pointing out its absurdity | 3/28 |
| Lloyd C. Griscom, Ex. Asst. Huntington Wilson, Chd'aff For. Rels. 06. | C | " 1 | Efficiency report on subordinate officers of the Legation | 3/5 |
| | C ½ 399 | " 2. | Famine. Refers Dept tel of Feb 28; reports conversation with Min for F.A. who while appreciating contributions from the U.S., fears that emotions have been exaggerated; admits the liberality with which the Japanese provides for its own needs at home and its apparent inability to do anything for famine sufferers; suggests the sending of corn or other American cheap foodstuff as opening the way for a new article of export to Japan; commends the views of the American Committee and its Chairman Mr. de Forest at Kobe | 3/28 |
| | C Tel | " 2 | Cabinet changes. Min for F.A. has tendered his resignation today owing to disagreement with his colleagues on the financial programme and to Great Britain | |

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| Japan | | | | |
| Armstrong to Wilson, ch d'aff | C ½ 400 | Mar 5 | Capture of the Montara. Judgment of condemnation viz 341 has been confirmed by the Higher Prize Court of Japan. Judgment encl | 4/2 |
| | C 401 | " 5 | Cabinet changes. Confirmation of March 2 Prime Minister, Marquis Saionji, has taken temporary charge of the FO. | 4/2 |
| | 402 | " 9 | Omission in No. dated 368 corrected | 4/2 |
| | C 403 | " 9 | Copyright Convention Ref to tel of Mar 8 has been communicated to FO. | 4/2 |
| | C ½ 404 | " 12 | Famine Contributions referred to in tel of Mar 7 and 9 have been delivered | 4/2 |
| | 405 | " 12 | Suit of Mark M. Trepinowski has been decided in his favor. Ref to 353. | 4/2 |
| | 406 | " 12 | 165 asked | 4/2 |
| | C ½ 407 | " 13 | Contract of Allbrand and Bostwick with Korea Gov's hopes formed by them in regard to a violation of their telephone franchise by the Jap authorities and note presenting the matter to the Jap FO. | 4/2 |
| | Tel | " 8 | Yokohama. Contingent allowance of the Consulate at. C.G. at Yokohama states that contingent expenses for the current fiscal year already exceed allotment by about $500 and that he must cease to forward invoices unless expenditure for postage be authorized. He refers to his despatch of Feb 15 and requests instructions by telegraph. | 3/5 |
| | 408 | " 13 | Same subject. Confirms the foregoing and incl's despatch from the C.G. | 4/2 |
| | C ½ 409 | " 14 | Famine. $5000 referred to in tel of Mar 8 have been delivered | 4/2 |
| | 410 | " 14 | Circular of Feb 9 asked | 4/2 |
| | C ½ 411 | " 15 | Outrage on F.R. Taylor by Japanese soldiers in Korea Ref to 371 and encl's note from Min for FA expressing regret, giving result of investigation. The offending soldiers received but slight punishment, but orders have been issued to avoid a repetition of similar outbreaks. | 4/2 |
| For. Rels. 06. | C 412 | " 15 | "Open door" in Manchuria. Asks tel of Feb 23 and reports conversations with officials of the FO. on the subject. Attributes the policy of exclusion of foreigners to the superior influence of the military element—and gives it as his opinion that some pressure will be necessary to secure the execution of promises rel to the Encl's mems. to the FO, report of interview with Acting Min for FA | |
| | C | " | Execution Japanese, at Mukden. Encl's notice published in the Japan Times, and report of interview with Mr Chinda who professed ignorance | 4/2 |
| | 413 | " 21 | Property near Port Arthur belonging to Henry Marco—permission for his investigation with view to locate his mine has been granted. Encl's correspce with FO. and letter Mch 21 to Consul Genl Dowler | 4/23. |
| | 414 | " 21 | Kobe—recognition, temporary, granted to Walter General as V. & D. Consul at. R. to tel. Mch 15—Confirmed | 4/23 |
| | ½ 415 | " 22 | Seizure by Japan of Amer S.S. "Austrolia"—Encl's judgment of Feb 13 by Higher Prize Court affirming the condemnation of the—and her cargo, on the ground that vessel and cargo were for exclusive Russian use | 4/23 |
| | ½ Tel | " 23 | Seizure by Japan, of the S.S. "Antrope"—Higher Court has condemned vessel and cargo on appeal, on the ground that entire cargo was for use of Russian army & ship's voyage for the purpose of carrying contraband. | 3/2 |
| For. Rels. 06 | Tel | " 24 | Seoul—Korea—Jap. Govt is unwilling to have Consul Genl at—styled also Agent on the ground that under the agreement bet. Japan and Korea all diplomatic business concerning Korea is to be transacted at Tokio and the Resident Genl will treat in regard to all foreign matters only as come within the scope of consular functions— | 3/24 |
| | 1116 | " 27 | Wedding Gift—Mrs. Longworth's letter of thanks conveyed to Emperor through B.O. R. to 167. | 4/23 |
| | C ½ 417 | " 27 | Outrage on W.W. Day Car—Brit Emb & minister to confer, the minister absent | 4/23 |
| | ½ Tel | " 27 | Railways—municipal—Govt ownership of—reports passage of bill providing for—estimated cost will be about 350 millions yen payable in 5% Govt bonds— | |
| | | | — Tariff bill moderate, tending towards protection—passage of reported—consultation with Amer. merchants confirms Emb's opinion that Amer. trade is not materially affected. | |
| | | | — Parliament formally closes to morrow— | 3/27. |
| For. Rels. 06. | C Tel | " 28 | "Open door" in Manchuria—Your tels Feb 23 and Mch 25—there has been strongly urging Jap. Govt to give real effect to their policy of—Hopes soon to report definite answer. Present conditions due to obstructions by military branch of Govt. Representations still being made. R. to 24 & 25 | 3/27 |
| For. Rels. 06. | C ½ 418 | " 28 | Same subject—Confirms the foregoing & will be amplified and [illegible] Encl correspondence FO. | |
| | C | | — Exposition, Japanese, at Mukden—states that the Viceroy & Japanese [illegible] | |

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| Japan | | | | | |
| Huntington Wilson, Ch. d'Aff. | For. Rels. 06. | 419 | Mch. 28 | Korea - Amer. representative at Seoul - Confirms Dept's tel. Mch. 8 and reply Mch. 24, gives details of interview with Min. P.A. and encls correspce with P.O. on the subject. | 4/23 |
| | For. Rels. 06. | C 420 | " 28 | "Open door" in Manchuria - Encls translation of an editorial of this date in "Jiji Shimpo" favoring the - and laying stress upon the need of a united policy on part of U.S., Great Britain and Japan for the maintenance of Chinese integrity and the principle of the "open door". | 4/23 |
| | | 421 | " 29 | Seizure by Japan of the S.S. "Arlesia" - Confirms his tel. of Mch. 23 and encls judgment of Higher Prize Court concerning vessel and cargo, affirming condemnation by Lower court. | 4/23 |
| | | Tel. | " 30 | Facilities for the "Albatross" expedition in Japanese waters - reported in Dept's Jan. 31, will be extended, but on arrival of vessel arrangements must be made with the several departments ordered | 3/30 |
| | | 422 | Apr. 1 | Same subject - Confirms the foregoing and encls correspce with P.O. showing special permits required. | 4/23 |
| | For. Rels. 06. | 423 | " 1 | Earthquake in Formosa - encls correspce with P.O. thanking the Govt. for condolences. | 4/23 |
| | | Tel. | " 2 | Contingent allowance - requests instructions by cable to draw for June quarter - | 4/2 |
| | | C 424 | " 4 | Mukden - permission for Cons. Gen'l to proceed to post - not yet granted. Confirms Dept's tel. Mch. 8 and encls correspce with Min. for F.A. on the subject. | 4/23 |
| | | C 425 | " 4 | "Open door" in Manchuria - Asks tel. instructions of Mch. 30, which is confirmed, and encls Memo to P.O. making further representations to the Jap. Govt and interview with Vice Min. for F.A. | 4/23. |
| | For. Rels. 06. | 426 | " 5 | Korea - law providing for the general procedure in the Courts of the Residency General and the Residencies, passed by the Japanese Diet, enclosed. Provision is also made for cooperation with the Courts of Japan and Formosa in such matters as the issuance of rogatory letters. | 4/23 |
| | For. Rels. 06. | C 427 | " 5 | Famine - Contributions for relief from Red Cross & Christian Herald. Confirms tele's rel. to the, and encls notices furnished to the Jap. newspapers. | 4/23. |
| | | C 428 | " 6 | Same subject - Encls report on famine conditions in the North of Japan - Encls Law. | 4/23 |
| | For. Rels. 06. | 429 | " 5 | Railways, municipal - Govt ownership of - Confirms tel. Mch. 27 and expatiates on the subject. | 4/23 |
| | | 430 | " 5 | Contingent allowance for June quarter - text of telegrams exchanged. | 4/23 |
| | For. Rels. 06. | C Tel | " 6 | Open door in Manchuria. "At an interview with the Min for F.A. this afternoon he stated that he was unable to reply in detail to the representations of the U.S. but would do so in writing in a few days. He said, however, as assurance that the Japn Govt had decided, in principle, at a recent council, to confirm the holding of the open door in Manchuria. I also received the following assurances. From May 1st to Ling Kau and Antung, and from June 1st, Mukden will be open to foreigners and foreign consuls, subject to the consent of the Chinese Govt, to cease when the treaty operation of the latter should. From June 1st Japan will have no objection to the presence of foreigners anywhere in Manchuria except in certain districts from which for military reasons they might still be temporarily excluded. Owing to disturbed conditions such as the presence of bandits the Japn Govt will not be responsible for the safety of foreign life and property. The Min for F.A. said that even in the leased territory Japan has the responsibilities of Govt. Dalny could not be opened until the further completion of necessary regulations and arrangements. This was being hurried, and it was hoped the port could soon be opened to foreigners and foreign vessels. Meanwhile I was assured that special permits might be issued to enable individual foreigners to travel in Manchuria or to ships to enter Antung or Ta tung Kau on application, for such permits to be made thro this legation. | |
| | | C Tel | " 6 | Extradition treaty signed to day. | 4/6. |
| | | C 431 | " 6 | Same subject. Forwards original of the treaty, mentioning a few slight changes made in the text. Jap. has a case coming under the treaty and would be glad if ratifications were promptly exchanged. | 5/1 |
| | | Tel | " 6 | Japanese Ambassador and staff sailed Vancouver to day. | 4/7 |
| Luke E. Wright, Ala | | | " 7 | 1 and 2. Letter of credit returned. | 4/10. |
| Huntington Wilson, Ch d'Aff | For. Rels. 06. | C 432 | " 9 | Tariff of Japan encl. It will go into effect October 1 next, American interests generally receive satisfactory - review of items affecting the trade of the U.S. | 5/ |
| Ramsford L. Miller, Ind | | C | " 9 | Return to post on April 8 reported. | 5/11 |
| Huntington Wilson, Ch d'Aff | | 433 | " 10 | Marriage certificates of Japanese in Hawaii. Documents requested in Dep 159 will be furnished by the Japanese Govt in specific cases. Notes encl | 5/11 |
| | | C 434 | " 10 | Famine. $5000 have been paid as instructed in tel. of Apl 14 | 5/11 |
| | | Tel | " 10 | Date of arrival of Ambassador Wright to Japan requested, to facilitate | 4/10 |

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| Japan | | | | |
| Huntington Wilson, Actg Asst Sec. | C. 435. | Apl 10. | Famine $25000 have been paid as stated in tel. of Apl 7. | 5/7 |
| For. Rels. Off. | C. 436 | " 11 | Diplomatic intervention in cases where legal remedies exist will not be admitted by the Japanese Govt until such remedies have been exhausted Rec'd note from the F.O. | 5/7 |
| For. Rels. Off. | C. Tel | " 11 | Open door in Manchuria. "The written reply which I have now received from the Min. for F.A. confirms the verbal assurances reported in my telegram of the 5th instant and emphasizes Japan's earnest adherence to the policy of the open door in Manchuria." | 4/11 |
| For. Rels. Off. | C. 437 | " 12 | Same subject. Text of Wis. of Apl 5 and 11 and of note from Min for F.A. and Foreigners passing between the zones occupied by the Japanese and Russian armies must provide themselves with permits issued jointly by the Commands. | 5/7 |
| Luke E. Wright, A.E. & P.<br>Huntington Wilson, Ch. Asst Sec. | C.<br>C. 438 | " 12<br>" 16 | Naval Attaché. Recommends Commander John A. Dougherty for.<br>Mining Concession of Allbran Bosturck in Korea. Enc's statement filed by C. & B. remarks that shareholders are for the greater part foreigners. | 5/16<br>5/14. |
| | C. 439 | " 16. | Passport application of Alexander F. Frazer whose certificate of naturalization was destroyed by fire. Submits request that Emb. at Rome be instructed to issue transcript | 5/14 |
| For. Rels. Off. | 440 | " 16 | Visit of Marquis Saionji, Min for F.A., to Manchuria, reported | 5/14 |
| | Tel | " 19 | Disaster at San Francisco. "Americans here anxious official information facts San Francisco Earthquake." | 5/19 |
| For. Rels. Off. | C. 441 | " 25. | Open door in Manchuria. "Japanese press editorials, end, Enc'd | |
| | C. 442 | " 25. | Reciprocity between Japan and the U.S. on the basis of favors to American flour and wheat and Japanese silk and matting favored in Jordan Enc's report of the Economic Society of Japan | 5/14 |
| | C. 443 | " 26 | Mining Concession of Collbran and Bosturck in Korea. Refers to 438 and Enc's further corres re the matter of the Korean currency will likely be soon settled after the arrival of Marquis Ito at Tokyo | 5/14. |
| | 444 | " 30 | Famine. Text of Sec's tel. | 6/2 |
| | Tel | " 30. | Armistice. "A translation of the naval armistice agreement of last September was sent Navy Dept Oct 11th by the Naval Attaché. I will forward copy by next mail." | 4/30. |
| | C. 445 | May 1 | Disaster at San Francisco. Text of tel. to and from Dept. expressions of sympathy reported. | 6/2 |
| For. Rels. Off. | C. 446 | " 3 | Armistice. Text of tel. from and to Dept and of agreement Enc'd, also protocol of military armistice. | 6/2 |
| | C. Tel | " 3. | Copyright Convention. "Am I authorized to acknowledge in writing that the President's ratification of the copyright convention applies equally to the Jap text, which is not included in our instrument of ratification and that the texts have equal force? The ratification prepared by the Japanese covers both texts." | 5/3. |
| For. Rels. Off. | C. 447 | " 4. | Manchuria. Agreements between Russian and Japanese armies providing for the issuance of permits to travelers, and the gradual withdrawal of troops on three terms ending Dec 31, 1905, June 1 and July 1906. Withdrawal is to be completed not later than April 15, 1907; also the transfer of railroad, Enc'd | 6/2 |
| | C. 448 | " 4 | Contracts of Collbran and Bosturck with Korea. Refers to 407 and Enc's note from F.O. arguing that the taking over of the rights of the Korean Govt by Japanese in regard to telephone service does not infringe upon the franchise of C. & B. | 6/2 |
| | 449 | " 5. | Antung Japanese Consulate was opened at, on June 1. | 6/2 |
| | 450 | " 11 | Kobe. Exequatur has been forwarded to U.S. Cons Gen Jarrett | 6/2 |
| | Tel | " 13 | Departure for the U.S. "Ambassador being due 15th will sail SS "Siberia" 20th and arrive Washington June 20th." | 5/16 |
| | 451 | " 11 | Confirms the foregoing. | 6/2 |
| | C. Tel | " 10. | Copyright Convention ratifications exchanged to day. | 5/10 |
| | Tel | " 11 | Extradition treaty. The Jap Emb will be placed at your disposition for the reproduction of the Jap text required to be included in the President's ratification of the Supplementary Extradition Treaty. | 5/10 |
| | C. 452 | " 11 | Confirms the foregoing. | |
| | C. Tel | " 15 | Copyright Convention. Jap ratification exchanged convention goes April 28th. | |

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| Huntington Wilson. Ch d'Aff | 453 For. Rels. 06 | May 15. | Copyright convention. Instrument of ratification Eng'd, text of Eng. and declaration in writing relative to Japanese text Eng'd. convention was promulgated on the 11th, the note rel to the meaning of the word "published" being printed together with the convention. | 6/4 |
| | 454 | " 17 | Same subject. Text of tel. from and to Dept and translation of Emp's ratification Eng'd | 6/4 |
| | 455 | " 17 | Tariff of Japan. Official translation of the, Eng'd | 6/4 |
| For. Rels. 06. | 456 | " 17 | Famines. Dep's tel of May 10 and 11 complied with. | 6/11 |
| | Tel | " 17 | Exhibition. Treaty. "Supplementary exhibition treaty with corrected date signed today" | 5/17 |
| | 457 | " 17 | Same subject. Forwards treaty, with extra copy of Japanese for instrument of ratification, Emp's text of tel from and to Dept. and notes exchanged with the FO. relative to error of date in the original treaty. | 6/4 |
| | 458 | " 17 | Military and naval attaches. Emp's replies of the, of the legation, to inquiries in circular of Feb. 14. Refers to difficulty experienced by the military attaché in obtaining information. | 6/4 |
| Luke E. Wright. Act Emb. | Tel | " 17 | Supplies" Embassy seals, passports and supplies urgently needed." | 5/17 |
| | Tel | " 17 | Contingent fund for current fiscal year exhausted owing to great increase in wages and general expenses. A permanent increase of $1200 annually is indispensable. I request $880 for present contingencies and 600 already expended for repairing Embassy building" | 5/17 |
| | Tel | " 17 | Secretary of Embassy "Has anything been concluded as to First Secretaryship here. I think it would be unfortunate if Laughlin were relieved now in view of Wilson's departure" | 5/17 |
| Huntington Wilson. Ch d'Aff | 459 | " 18 | Arrival of Amb Wright on May 13. Confirms tel. (supposed to have been) sent on May 13. | 6/25 |
| | Tel | " 20. | Minister for Foreign Affairs. Appointment of Viscount Hayashi, reported | 5/20 |
| | Tel | " 20 | Chinese Servant of German Ambassador. Facilities in transit through the US requested for him | 5/22 |
| | 460 | " 23 | Same subject. Confirms the foregoing. | 6/25 |
| | 461 | " 23 | Text of tel of May 20 to the Minister | 6/25 |
| | 462 | " 24 | Famine in Japan. $2.55.5 remit to tel. of May 22 have been delivered | 6/25 |
| For. Rels. 06. | 463 | " 24. | Manchuria. Open door in. More liberal policy determined at the Council of Statesmen regarding return of Premier Saionji. Quotes articles published by the Japanese press. | 6/25 |
| Luke E. Wright. Act Emb. | Tel | " 26. | Credentials. "Received in audience and credentials presented today" | 5/26 |
| | 3 | " 26. | Despatch addressed to Embassy with enclosures cited, returned | 6/27 |
| For. Rels. 06. X | 4 | " 27 | Credentials. Presentation of. Full account of the; Emp's text of his remarks and of Emperor's reply. | 6/25 |
| | 5 | June 5. | Arrival of Amb. Wright. Telegram confirmed No 459 was never sent by the Japanese Telegraph office | 6/25 |
| | 6 | " 5 | Newspapers for Embassy, Renewal of subscriptions requested | 6/25 |
| | 7 | " 5. | Repairs to Embassy. $1000 requested for | 6/25 |
| For. Rels. 06. | 8 | " 5. | Manchuria. Commercial and industrial policy of Japan in. Another deputation of high officials will soon visit Manchuria. Emp's newspaper articles on the subject. | 6/25 |
| | 9 | " 6. | Cipher codes. Receipt for, Eng'd | 6/25 |
| | Tel. | " 6 | Jamestown Tercentennial "Min for FA. tells me informally that Japanese Army and Navy will be represented at Jamestown celebration but official reply cannot be sent until the Diet votes funds" | 6/6. |
| | Tel | " 7 | Mining Concession of Coltran and Bostwick in Korea" Have not urged action upon Kaiyuan claims in view of Wilson's request for instruction in his "438 April 16th Evening interview with Min for FA today he told me that the matter would be looked into immediately and a decision reached as soon as possible. Shall I take further action." | 6/7 |
| | Tel | " 9 | Third Ass't Secy. "Wilson sailed to day by Steamer Siberia which has been detained three days in quarantine" | 6/9 |
| | 10 | " 9 | Famine. Text of this tel of May 22 and following cons with the 50 | 6/13 |

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| Luke E. Wright, Am. Emb. | 11 | June 5 | South Manchurian Railway Co.. Encs Imperial Ordinance promulgating regulations for the organization of the Company and the provision that not more than Japanese and Chinese will be admitted to the right of a share holder, and to the fact that the Japanese will hold control of the Board. | 7/13 |
| For. Rels. 06. | 12 | " 16 | Commce.. Am's Dispatch of June 6 and note of acknowledgment to Min. for F.A. | 7/13 |
| | 13 | " 16 | Inspection of Straw matting. Encs list of regulations as referred to in #160 | 7/13 |
| | 14 | " 16 | Merchant marine list of Japan forwarded | 7/13 |
| | 15 | " 16 | Tariff of Japan. Report of Consul Gen'l Miller on the high rates of the new. Encs Japanese press comments on the same, which deny that protection is the aim. | 7/13 |
| For. Rels. 06. | 16 | " 16 | Commce. Branches of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce in Korea. Encs letter from the Head officials of the town of Mokpo and a number of villages | 7/13 |
| | 17 | " 22 | Trade of Southern Manchuria. Report of investigation by English and American merchants of Shanghai encd. | 7/13 |
| From: 3 Loughlin, 2nd Sec'y | Tel | " 20 | Transfer "I am entirely at the disposition of the President." | 6/20 |
| | Tel | " 20 | Same subject. "Referring to the Amb's tel. of May 17 and in order to avoid possible misapprehension I beg to state my willingness to remain here longer as 2nd Sec'y if thought advisable" | 6/20 |
| Luke E. Wright, Am. Emb. | 18 | " 22 | Mining Concession of Collbran and Bostwick in Korea. Text of tel. from and to Dept. reports interview of Amb Wright with Min for F.A. and Encs note to and from the F.O. which declares it has doubt of the validity of the Kansai Concession. | 7/23 |
| For. Rels. 06. | 19 | " 22 | Salary. Asst General Jones will be allowed to proceed to Japan in his personal capacity, pending the remonstrance of negotiation requested in #186 | 7/13 |
| | 20 | " 23 | Transfer of 2nd Sec'y Loughlin. Text of tel. from and to Dept | 7/30 |
| | 21 | " 30 | Refers to Embassy. Draft for #1096 advised. Text of Dept's tel | 7/30 |
| | 22 | July 5 | Dinner given to Amb Wright by the American Friends' Japanese Society and the American Asiatic Association on June 30. Encs newspaper accounts and comment. | 7/30 |
| From: B. Loughlin, 2nd Sec'y<br>Luke E. Wright, Am. Emb. | Tel | " 5 | Transfer to Cuba "Morgan desires Havana very inviting if convenient to Dept" | 7/5 |
| For. Rels. 06. | 23 | " 6 | Korea. Japanese Courts in. Encs decrees relating to the organization, procedure and powers of; also newspaper editorial on the relations of the subject to extra-territoriality. | 7/30 |
| For. Rels. 06. | 24 | " 6 | Korea. Japanese police at the Palace to supersede native guards and protect the Emp. of Korea from the intrigues of mischief makers. Encs newspaper articles relative to the latest move of the Resident Genl | 7/30 |
| | Tel | " 8 | Ceremonial letter. "No copy of the F.O. or Legation note accompanied the Prest's closed letter to the Emp. contained in pouch not received yesterday. Inquire into matter" | 7/8 |
| | 25 | " 10 | Recall letter of Min. Takahira. Act of Congress has been delivered. Encs Encl | 7/16 |
| | + | " 16 | Furniture Schedule and Inventory Encl. | 8/6 |
| | 26 | | | |
| | 27 | " 17 | Text of tel. from and to Dept rel to Jamestown Exposition | 8/6 |
| | 28 | " 18 | Ceremonial letter referred to in tel of July 8 has been delivered | 8/6 |
| For. Rels. 06. | 29 | " 18 | Mining Law of Korea promulgated July 12, 1906. Full text Encl, quotes articles relative to foreign holders of concessions. | 8/6 |
| | 30 | " 18 | Records of the Embassy. Typewritten carbon copies instead of hand written transcriptions. Asks permission to use | 7/6 |
| | 31 | " 18 | Seal and Stamp. Suggests that the Consuls at be instructed to communicate with Embassy, under the provision of Circular of March 23, 05 | 8/6 |
| | 32 | " 18 | Trade Marks. Protection of in China and Korea. Encs note to F.O. forwarding the subject as instructed by tel. of June 16. | 8/6 |
| | Tel | " 23 | Same subject. "Japanese Govt willing to negotiate treaty covering China, but inclined at present to exclude Korea. Shall I proceed to discuss China alone?" | 7/23 |
| | Tel | " 24 | Death, the sudden of Gen. Viscount Kodama, yesterday morning, Chief of the General Staff, is announced. | 7/24 |
| | 33 | " 27 | Clerk Hire for Embassy - requests allowance of $1500 for, for coming year. | 8/17 |
| | 34 | " 27 | Assistance to Herbert Marshall representing Amer. mining interests in Manchuria - Dept's tel. July 21st communicated in substance to Mr. Consul Miller, Mukden, Willard Straight, Esq. Seoul, Korea | 8/ |

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| Luke E. Wright a.E.&P. | 35 | July 31 | Law publications (3) for Embassy desired- | 8/21 |
| 310. | 36 | Aug. 1 | Death of General Kodama- Confirms tel. July 24 and encls account of posthumous honors and funerals accorded him. Newspaper articles encld- | 8/21 |
| For. Rels. 06. 340. | 37 | " 2 | Japanese Secretary of the Legation- inquires as to his notarial powers under diplom. instructions | 8/21 |
| | Tel. | " 2 | Exequatur of Consul Jones- There is apparent discrepancy between Instr. 156 and Act Sept. 9/06 Inst for further instructions for Jones' exequatur: Consul & Consul General. | |
| | 38 | " 2 | Same subject. Confirms the foregoing. | 8/21 |
| | 39 | " 3 | Consulate at Dalny- Ack's Dept. tel. 2d inst. | 8/27 |
| | 40 | " 7 | Publications of Ministry of Finance- Dept of Com. & Labor has been put on list to receive the 12 to 10. | 8/27 |
| 569 | 41 | " 7 | Consular Building at Seoul- Report of Consul Gen'l Reddock & photographs transmitted- | 8/27 |
| For. Rels. 06. 560 | 42 | " 9 | Ordinances relating to the Gov't of Kwantung (Port Arthur) and administrative services encl'd with newspaper comments criticizing their numbers and costly features- | 8/27 |
| For. Rels. 06. | Tel | " 9 | Opening of Dalny- "Your tel. of the 2d inst- Min. for F.A. reiterated that Dalny would be opened &c. | 8/9 |
| | 43 | " 11 | Meeting of Military Surgeons at Buffalo- Sanitation declined by Japan- | 9/10 |
| 290 | 44 | " 11 | Killing and wounding of Japanese poachers in Bering Sea- Dept's tel. of Aug. 8 has been read to Min for F.A. who declares that the incident ought not to affect present friendly relations. Substance has been given to Amer. & Eng. newspapers in Japan- | 9/10 |
| For. Rels. 06. 551 | 45 | " 11 | Opendoor in Manchuria- Refers to Dept's from and to Dept. of Aug. 2 and 11. Expresses his belief in the sincerity of the Japanese, and ascribes the small volume of trade to the effects of the recent war- | 9/10 |
| 290 | 46 | " 18 | Killing and wounding of Japanese poachers- Encls newspaper items & editorials | 9/10 |
| 221 | 47 | " 18 | Railway (Japanese) Co. of South Manchuria- Refers to #11 of June 15, 1906 to first meeting of organizing commission- encloses Gov't order, articles of incorporation and newspaper articles- | 9/10 |
| For. Rels. 06. 899 | 48 | " 18 | Korea- Recognition of consular officers in- Russia has receded from her position and agreed to apply to the Japanese Gov't for the recognition of Cons. Gen'l Pauncefote at Seoul. Newspaper clippings enclosed. | 9/10 |
| | 49 | " 22. | Alien Immig. law- Invalid. Reply to Circular of July 9. | 9/24 |
| 406 | 50 | " 22 | Trade Mark protection in China and Korea- Text of tel. from and to Dept and of note to Min for F.A., and reports conversations with F.O. Officials Japan apparently doubts that protection can be enforced by the Consular courts in China and would agree to a convention as to Korea if trade mark cases were submitted to the Japanese Courts there | 9/24 |
| | Tel | " 25 | Killing and wounding of Japanese poachers in Bering Sea- Hakodate Consular Agent reports that Japanese sealing schooner Dai Ni Toyei Maru entered and arrived Akkeshi 14 inst. being short a number of crew and three boats. That local authorities have warned and are trying to shut her | 8/25 |
| H. Percival Dodge, Esq. | Tel | " 31 | Transfer from Germany- Awaiting instructions mentioned in your tel. I intend to sail from Genoa for Yokohama Sept 25, if agreeable. | 8/31 |
| Luke E. Wright. a.E.&P. 748. | Tel | " 31. | Minister for Foreign Affairs- The Prime Min. Marquis Saionji has been appointed Min. for F.A. ad int. Viscount Hayashi obtaining leave of absence on account of ill health. | 8/31 |
| | 51 | " 31 | Confirms the foregoing. | 9/14 |
| 290 | 52 | Sept 1 | Killing and wounding of Jap. poachers in Bering Sea- Confirms tel of Aug 25. Encloses report from Consul at Hakodate and clippings from the Japan Mail and Times denying public feeling against Japan in the matter | 9/24 |
| For. Rels. 06. | 53 | " 1 | Dalny (Dairen) Opening of, as a free port as stated announced in Cons. note from Min for F.A. Exequatur has been issued to Consul Jones | 9/24 |
| 748 | 54 | " 5. | Minister for Foreign Affairs- Retirement on leave of Viscount Hayashi is generally taken in Japan as the result of the friction between the military and civil branches of the Govt and may affect Japan's attitude toward the open door policy in Manchuria | 9/24 |
| For. Rels. 06. 560 | 55 | " 6. | Forwarding (Port Arthur and Dalny)- Civil regulations concerning Residents and Vessels. | 9/24 |
| | 56 | " 11 | Consular Exequatur has been forwarded to Mr Maynard | 10/8 |

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| Luke E Wright. Ellis | Tel | Sept 12. | Personnel of the Embassy. Asks that Seidmore be retained and Arnell allowed to remain until another clerk can be secured | 9/12 |
| 1506 & 57 | " | 15 | Mining property near Port Arthur. Henry Marsh's title was upheld by the military authorities but will be reexamined by the civil authorities. Encs | 10/18 |
| | 58 | " 17 | Assignment of the Embassy. Confirms tel of Sept 12 | |
| 290 & 59 | " | 17 | Killing and wounding of Japanese poachers. Transmits reports from Cons. Agent Ting at Kokodate recommending demand for return of skins, intimating connivance of Jap authorities and giving names of foreigners on Japanese sealing vessels | 10/8 |
| George Post Wheeler, 2nd Secy | — | " 17 | Arrival at post - Sept 16 reported | 10/8 |
| Luke E Wright. Ellis | Tel | " 17 | Same subject. "Wheeler arrived today. Shows it is possible to permit Laughlin to remain until Dodge's arrival." | 9/17 |
| | 60 | " 19 | Same subject. Text of tel to and from Dept | 10/25 |
| J L Pierrepont Hodge Secy | — | " 14 | Oath of Office sent | 9/20 |
| Rainford S Mellon Jap Secy | — | " 20 | Oath of Office sent | 10/16 |
| Luke E Wright, Ellis For. Rels. 06. 1678 | 61 | " 22 | Practice of medicine and dentistry. Encs ordinances for the issuance of licenses | 10/12 |
| 1672 & | 62 | " 22 | Currency in Manchuria. Encs ordinance regulating issue of notes of the Yokohama Specie Bank in Kwantung and China and Japanese press comments on the same and unsatisfactory monetary condition in China | 10/16 |
| | 63 | " 22 " 24 ults | | 10/16 |
| | 64 | " 22 " 25 ults | | 10/16 |
| | 65 | " 22 Circular of Aug 28 ults | | 10/16 |
| | 66 | " 22 Unnumbered Inst of Aug 30 ults | | 10/16 |
| | 67 | " 22 " 26 ults | | 10/16 |
| 1673 | 68 | " 21 | Commercial Attaché to the Embassy. Recommends appointment of G. and George H Seidmore for the post. | 10/16 |
| | 69 | " 24 | Student Interpreter C J Arnell Encs oath of office and agreement to serve | 10/18 |
| 1681 | 70 | " 25 | Consular jurisdiction over Estates. Recommends negotiations for a convention | 10/26 |
| 290. | 71 | " 25 | Navigation laws and regulations of Japan. Corresponds with Inst No 59 as to restrictions on vessels under 200 tons | 10/16 |
| 560 | 72 | " 25 | Dairy. Difficulty experienced by Consul Jones in finding suitable quarters reported. Encs copies | 10/16 |
| | Tel | " 25 | Supplementary extradition convention was ratified by the Emperor Sept 22. the ratifications were exchanged to day. | 9/25 |
| 1186 & | 73 | " 25 | Same subject. Confirms the foregoing and incl instrument of exchange | 10/16 |
| mf | 74 | | Ord Willoughby Detention of U. Consul Arnell for his post on Oct 1 reported | 10/20 |
| mf & | 75 | " 3. | Tariff of Japan. Encs ordinances making changes in the, and are placing imports from the Kwantung province under the operation of the Conventional Tariff | 10/22 |
| 1797 | — | " 8 | Anti Japanese Agitation. Conciliatory articles of the Yokohama Chamber Com | 11/13 |
| | Tel | " 11 | Trade Mark Convention. Reports terms in which Japan is willing to exclude articles, covering China and Corea | 10/30 |
| For. Rels. 06. 221 & | 76 | " 15 | Santo Manchurian Railway. Revised translation of Regulations in force Encs | 11/13 |
| 560 | 77 | " 15 | Naval rules and regulations of Port Arthur have been received at the Embassy but presenting no exceptional feature will not be forwarded to the Dept | 11/13 |
| | 78 | " 16. " 30 ults | | 11/13 |
| | 79 | " 20. | Supplies have been forwarded to Yokohama | 11/13 |
| 406. & | 80 | " 22 | Trade Mark Convention Confirms tel of 25 and memorandum from the Japanese FO | 11/23 |
| | Tel | " 21. | Anti Japanese Agitation in California. Reports various comments of the Japanese press on despatches announcing the exclusion of Japanese children from public schools in San Francisco, and intimates wide discussion of the subject. Asks to have facts and suggests transmitting message from the Head of the State; expresses belief that Japan will likely object to immigration to the U.S. | |
| 1797 | 81 | " 22 | Same subject. Confirms and amplifies the foregoing and encloses newspaper clippings reflecting the various phases of opinion in Japan | 11/13 |

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| 2467 | 83 | " 24. | Thanks of Jap Govt for courtesies extended to the warship Aregawa at Honolulu | 11/19 |
| 1148 | 84. | " 24. | American Naval Hospital at Yokohama. Rights purchase of "subscribers" for 999 years of land referred to in Dis. 19. Encs abstract of title | 11/19 |
| | 85. | " 25. | Allowance for contingent expenses and repairs. Increase of, requested | 11/27 |
| | Tel | " 28. | Anti Japanese Agitation in San Francisco "Substance of your tel. of the 25th which was given to the press by the Jap Govt has been rec'd with satisfaction by the Jap people and has had a very quieting effect" | 10/26 |
| | 86 | " 29. | Book for Tamaki Sensation suit to legalize in July 1904 returned | 11/26 |
| | 87 | " 31 | Newspapers for Encl. Ny Herald and St Chronicle requested | 11/24 |
| | 88 | " 31 | Islands, artificial, constructed in the bay of Tokio. Treasury report req'd in Dis 185 | 11/19 |
| | 89 | " 31 | Text of Dept's tel. of Sept 26. | 11/19 |
| 1797. | 90 | " 31 | Anti Japanese agitation in San Francisco. Encs text of tel. from and to Dept and newspaper clippings denoting relaxation in the Jap feeling of resentment | 11/9 |
| | Tel | " 29 | Naval attaché' Dougherty's designation as Nav Att agreeable to Japanese Govt. | 10/29 |
| | 91 | Nov. 1 | Same subject. Text of tels from and to Dept | 11/ |
| | 92 | " 1 | Annular of Oct 4 and Dis 33 added | 11/ |
| Mr Perewal Dodge Encs. 2815 | — | " 5 | Arrival at Port Dr Nov 4 reported | 11/ |
| Luke E Wright. Ala Emb. | 93. | " 6 | Student Interpreters. Examinations of Lester R Godward and Jas Godward Jr. | 11/ |
| 1382 | 94. | " 8. | Relief fund of the Red Cross. Draft for $184.14 accumulated interest Encl as instructed in 34 | 11/ |
| | 95. | " 5. | Secretary of Embassy Arrival of Perewal Dodge in Nov 4 reported | 11/ |
| 774. | 96 | " 8. | Opium trade. Dis 32 has been communicated to the Min for FO who will lay the matter before the Privy Council. | 11/ |
| 1506 | 97 | " 9. | Mining property of Henry Marx in the Kwantung Peninsula. Marx's rights have been confirmed by the Committee on Arrangements for Foreigners private property and he will be allowed to work the mines in conformity with Japanese law and regulations. Note recd | 11/ |
| Tel Elect Nov 2 copy of Metcalf's report been sent to me. Newspapers have published conflicting statements against Mr. Metcalf | 1797 | 98. | " 9. Anti Japanese Agitation in San Francisco Encs rpt of the Japanese Association in America and the further views comments relative subject of children exclusion | 11/ |
| For. Rels. 06. | Tel | " 10. | Cuban Consul General's recognition refused by Jap Govt. on the ground that Cuban interests are now represented by American Consuls and that Cuba is under a government established by them | |
| Tel Elect 28. Count Arnold denies that Yokohama to Germans France cannot go to Tamsui subject to your approval will arrive Nov 7. Baldwin Lake charge temporarily Tamsui | 99 | " 13. | Book for Embassy "Hubbell's Legal Directory" required | 11/ |
| | 100 | " 14 | Consular buildings. Report from Tamsui, forwarded | 11/ |
| For. Rels. 06. | 101 | " 23. | Cuban Consul General. Exequatur will be issued on receipt of Dis's tel. Text of tels to and from Dept and report of interviews at FO. | 11/ |
| | Tel | " 23 | Postal Savings Banks. Dept will receive reply to Dis: June 30 about Dec | 11/23 |
| | 102 | " 24 | Supplies asked | 11/ |
| For. Rels. 06. 774 | 103 | " 24. | Opium trade in the Far East. Japan will join in proposed investigation if assured of China's bona fide. | 11/ |
| 1797 | 104. | " 24. | Anti Japanese agitation. At a political meeting held after a conference of the leaders with Min for FA it was decided to calmly watch the outcome of the Administration's efforts to settle the school question. Encs moderate editorials of Japanese newspapers | 11/ |
| | 105 | " 24 | Postal Savings Banks. Reply to Accounts of June 30 | 11/ |
| For. Rels. 06. | 106 | " 26. | Rules Inspection. Reciprocal exemption from. Encs order issued by the Jap Govt | 11/ |
| | Tel | " 16 | Fur seal fisheries. Catch of Japanese sealing vessels during 1906 Cuban statistics reported in 37. | 11/ |
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| 221 | 108 | " 15 | South Manchurian Railway. Account of the managerial meeting Encl | 11/ |
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Rec'd 19th March 1855 11169/Jan 3 1874 D. R. Abbot

New York, 17 March, 1855.

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive your communication of the 10th instant, acquainting me that the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, had appointed me Consul General of the United States, to reside at Simoda in Japan, and that special instructions would be sent to me, as soon as possible after the Department of State should have been informed of my acceptance of that office.

I have given to this subject the deliberate consideration which its importance demands. The conclusion to which I have come, is,

Hon. W. L. Marcy,
Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

is, that, with a full appreciation of the scope of this most interesting and honorable trust, it is not my duty to undertake its execution.

I have, accordingly, to request that you will signify to the President my inability to accept the office of Consul General in Japan, which he has so kindly and unexpectedly tendered to me, and my grateful sense of the distinction which this additional mark of his confidence has conferred upon me.

I am, Sir,

with the greatest respect,

your obedient servant

John Rodgers

Recd 10. August. Mr Abbott
Ansd 20 [illegible]. New York Aug 9th 1855

Sir

I am in receipt of three Several Covers from your department, all dated on the 6th Inst, and covering various papers with lists of the Same; on Comparing the Contents of the Covers, with the lists transmitted I find the following to be wanting - Viz:-

1. My Commission
2. Printed Copy of instructions to Consul Generals &c &c
3. Statutes at large.
4. Wheaton's elements of International Law
5. Circulars Nos 11 & 13
6. General instructions & Supplement to the Same.
7. List of Ministers, Consuls & other diplomatic Agents &c &c

I am informed that a recent act of Congress Cuts off all payments for Contingent Charges to Consuls whatever may be the nature of the Same; I have to beg you to inform me if this is the case, as it must affect me; for the charges for freight by the Indian Steam Company on the various articles to be furnished to me for the Consulate at Japan must form a Considerable item, to which must be added the Cost of the Books, Stationery &c

I am directed by you to procure for the same.

The blank bond you sent me would have been immediately executed, but I am ignorant of the Amount you will require, and I have to beg you to inform me of the Same when the bond shall be executed and transmitted to you.

I propose visiting Washington as soon as the Secretary shall have returned for the purpose of receiving his instructions in person and to settle any minor things which can only be done by personal interviews.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Townsend Harris
Consul General for Japan

Wm Hunter Esq
Acting Secretary of State
Washington

Recd 20 Aug. + Townsend Harris
Acct 21
Bond appd & sent to See

New York August 14th 1855

Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith my Bond, duly executed, and the sureties approved by the U.S. District Attorney for this District.

I also transmit a letter which I have received from Commodore Perry, and have to request that you will place the same before the Secretary of State for his information.

I hope to be in Washington on or about Monday next

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully,
Your obt. Servant.

Townsend Harris

Wm Hunter Esqr
Acting Secretary of State
Washington
D.C.

Recd with Consul Harris' letter enclosing his Bond -

Mr Abbot.

New York August 13th 1855.

My Dear Sir

I have been too unwell to reply fully to the queries propounded in your note to me - on my return from Saratoga, I shall I trust be able to write more at large. Suffice for the present to say that in my opinion you should be taken to Japan in a vessel of War - That you should be landed with all naval ceremony, with salute guard &c That you should be particular before landing in having a full understanding with the high Authorities as to your residence, manner of living, rights, privileges &c.

It will be impossible for you to manage without a Dutch Interpreter and I recommend the one who was with me, Mr Portman

whose Salary will be an indispensable
expense to the Government as without
an Interpreter to assist in conducting the
Correspondence your mission will be
useless.

Yours truly.

Secretary Harris &c.

Mr Challen

Willards Hotel

Washington Aug 21/58

(1)

I herewith hand you a
tch of the China Sea, with the
ts of Hongkong, Bankok and
gapore —

My proposition is, that the
y Department should write at
e to Commodore Abbott, to send
Hamer to Singapore, from thence
ke me to Bankok —

The Steamer come be at Singapore
h 1st of December next; — from
re to Bankok will be 2 days

—time required to complete
Treaty not-over 10 days — fro
thence to Hong Kong 8 days.
bringing the date of Decemb
21st.

Now, the Archives of
~~Legation~~ Consulate and
heavy luggage cannot
reach Hong Kong before
15th. of January 1856. So
I could perform the duty
required in Siam, and
arrive at Hong Kong, at
25 days before I could

be ready to start for Japan

You will note that Singapore
is to the South of the South
ern part of Siam, but the
distance is only 360 Miles,
36 Hours Steaming

I seek the honor of making
Treaty for Honor's sake.
I am content to go under my
present title or any other you
may see fit to bestow, and
will leave the question of
compensation to be settled

Townsend Harris. Wash^n Aug: 21 / 1857.

by your recommendations
to Congress

I have the honor to be
With sincere regard
Your Ob^t St.
Townsend Harris

(2)

The Hon^d W L Marcy
Secretary of State
&c &c
Washington

Rec'd. Aug: 24/55.

Private

Mr Cleveland

New York Aug 24th 1855.

Sir,

In addition to the statements I have heretofore made to you, I beg to state that I speak the Malayan language with considerable fluency - which would enable me to converse with the Ministers without an Interpreter. alth' the Court Language is Siamese and the Treaty would be written in the same — as it regards my proposition to have a Steamer meet me at Singapore, that is not indispensible, as I should have ample time to go up to

The Hon.ble W.L Marcy
Secretary of State
Washington

Hong Kong

Hong Kong and there
met the Steamer -

I gave your kind message
to our Mutual friend, General
Wetmore, who requested me to return
you his thanks for the same

I am rapidly completing my
arrangements for my departure, and
shall probably be ready to leave
by the Steamer of the 5th proximo

I remain sincerely and
gratefully
Your Obt. Svt
Townsend Harris

Rec'd 73 Sept.
in Consular Bureau Oct 11

Mr. Abbott

Consulate General of the United States of America for Japan

New York Sept 6th 1855

Sir

I am informed by Capt. Frasier of the U.S. Navy, that a Nephew of his sailed from Honolulu, some four months since, for the Port of Hakodadi in Japan, and that it was the intention of his Nephew to establish himself, permanently at Hakodadi as a Ship-Chandler, and that he took with him a full supply of the articles required in such a business.

As objections may be made by the Japanese Government, to this proceedure of Mr. Frasier's, I have to beg your instructions for my government in the matter.

My Commission reads, that I am "to reside at Simoda". — I fear that a knowledge of this wording, by the Japanese Authorities, would cause them to attempt to confine me to a residence at Simoda, while important interests might call me to Hakodadi.

It is true, that article IX only provides for "Consuls or Agents to reside at Simoda" but to refuse me permission to visit Hakodadi, might, in a great measure defeat the object of

The Honorable W. L. Marcy
Secretary of State
Washington
D. C.

My

my appointment.

It seems to be understood that American Whaling Ships will only go to Hakodadi for supplies; and it is this class of Vessels, which come under the express provisions of the Treaty of Kanagawa, that will, for some time to come, form the chief Tonnage of the United States in Japanese Waters.

I would respectfully suggest, that in the letter you propose giving me, to the Japanese Minister for Foreign affairs, that I should be spoken of as "Consul General" "of the United States of America for Japan"

I have the honor to remain
With sincere respect
Your obedient Servant
Townsend Harris
U.S. Consul General for Japan

No 1. Rec'd 21. March Mr Marcoe.

Pulo Pinang, or
Prince of Wales Island
January 24th 1856.

Sir.

[redacted]

I have the honor to inform you of my having reached this place where I shall await the arrival of the Frigate San Jacinto, in order to proceed to Bankok.

Commodore Armstrong informed me that he should probably be here by the 20th of February, and I hope he may not be detained longer than that date, as I am most anxious to proceed.

Before leaving the United States, I appointed Mr. I. C. Newskirn of New York, to be Dutch Interpreter to the Consulate in

The Honorable W. L. Marcy
Secretary of State
Washington
D.C.

Japan

Japan, at a Salary of $1500 Fifteen Hundred dollars, with a free passage to Japan, he paying his mess

[redacted]ole W. Heuskin to prepare for so long a voyage, and a residence in so distant a Country, I advanced him the sum of $750 Seven Hundred & fifty dollars.

W.m Heuskin was highly recommended to me, as being of good character, and possessing undoubted capacity for the situation, by the Rev.d Doctor De Witt of New York, and other respectable persons.

On my passage hither from Marseilles, I met a large number of English Officers — Civil & Military — and I was much pleased with the tone of respect, with which they spoke of the Government and People of the United States: — They condemned the tone and spirit of the articles in the London Times, on American subjects

and

and deprecated even the idea of a war between the two Countries.

I beg to state, that I am in excellent health, and anxious to Commence duties.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant

Townsend Harris

Consul General to Japan

No 2 Rec'd 26. April. Mr Markoe.

Pulo Penang or
Prince of Wales Island
February 24th 1856

Sir.

I have the honor to inform you that I am still at this place awaiting the arrival of the Foigate San Jacinto.

I am informed that the French Government has appointed a Commissioner, to negociate a Commercial Treaty with Siam, and that he will probably arrive at this place, by the next overland Mail.

The U.S. Corvette Macedonian, is at Singapore, where she will await the arrival of the San Jacinto.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect
Your Obt. Sv.
Townsend Harris

The Honorable
W L Marcy
Secretary of State
Washington

Rec'd 13. May. No. 3 Mr Markoe.

Palo Penang, or.
Prince of Wales Island
March 24th 1856

Sir/

I have the honor to inform you, that the U S Steam Ship San Jacinto arrived here on the 21st instant in 149 days from New York.

Some repairs to the machinery will delay her departure until about the 1st of April

In my next letter, I hope to be able to inform you of the result of my Mission to the Court of Bankok

I have the honor to be
With great respect
Your obedient Sert.

Townsend Harris

The Honorable
W L Marcy
Secretary of State
Washington
D.C.

Com. P. June. No. 4. Mr Markoe.

U. S. Steam Frigate San Jacinto
Singapore Harbour
April 7th, 1856.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you, that I left Penang on the morning of the 2d. and that I arrived at this place on the evening of the 4th inst and that I shall proceed to Bankok as soon as the ship has completed her Coaling.

A French Squadron of two Corvettes and one Steamer is now in this harbour awaiting the arrival of a French Envoy to Siam, who is expected to arrive here about the 20th of this month: another Steamer is expected here daily and the

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To the Hon. W. L. Marcy.
Washington. D. C.

four ships will accompany him on his mission.

I hope I shall be able to close my negociations with the Siamese Court before the arrival of the French Mission, as its presence would cause much delay, if no other embarassment should arise.

I shall therefore use my best exertions to bring my negociations to a close as speedily as possible.

I have the honor to be
With great respect
Your obedient Servt.

Rec'd 17. Septr.

No. 5.

United States Steam Frigate San Jacinto
at sea in the gulf of Siam, bound
to Hongkong June 2d, 1856.

Sir,

I last had the honor of addressing you on the 6th of April, being then at Singapore.

I have now to inform you, that the San Jacinto arrived off the Bar of the Menam river on the 13th of April, when I addressed a letter to the Minister of Foreign affairs (a copy of which I transmit herewith number 1) informing him of my arrival and requesting him to furnish me

To the Honourable Wm. L. Marcy
Secretary of State
Washington
D. C.

me with a suitable conveyance to Bangkok, as the San Jacinto drew too much water to cross the Bar.

At the same time I wrote to the Reverend Stephen Mattoon, an American Missionary, long resident at Bangkok, to engage his services as Interpreter, and requesting him to join me at the ship, as speedily as possible.

On the 15th a small steamer came off to the ship, bringing Mr Mattoon and the Phra. Bai-Bai, the latter a Noble, connected with the Marine, who was sent down by the King to congratulate me on my arrival and was the Bearer of a letter from the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the original and a translation of which I hand you herewith, numbered 2.

Mr. Mattoon informed me, that the Prime Minister was on board the Steamer, and desired to visit the Frigate, but being incognito, he must avoid any Salute, or other marks of respect to his rank. He was accordingly invited on board

and

and passed two hours there, during which time the Flag of Siam was saluted with 21 guns.

On the 21st of April, I started for Bangkok, accompanied by Commodore Armstrong, a number of Officers, a guard of Marines and the Band of the San Jacinto, the whole forming an escort of 46 Persons.

A letter from the Minister of Foreign Affairs, addressed to you, which you will receive with this, will inform you of all the salutes and other marks of respect, which I received while in Siam, and renders any description by me unnecessary, and I have merely to state, that I was quite satisfied, that the Siamese desired to treat me with all proper respect. A. 2.

I had my audience with the First King on the 5th of May, when he informed me, that he would appoint Commissioners to

to negociate with me, as soon as I had received my audience with the Second King. This audience I had on the 2d of May, but the Commissioners were not appointed until the 16th of May and on the afternoon of that day, we met and exchanged our full powers.

A day or two after my arival at Bangkok, I learned the names of four of the Persons, who would probably be appointed Commissioners to treat with me, I lost no time in opening my business in an unofficial way, to them, and continued to meet with them from time to time, until they received their appointments. This enabled me to agree on the terms of a Treaty very soon afterwards, and in fact the Treaty was agreed to and ordered to be engrossed on the 24th of May, and was

Treaty

was finally signed on the 29th, and I have the pleasure of transmitting it to you, by W. C. Bradley Esq., special bearer of dispatches.

I trust that on examination, the President will find the terms of the Treaty to be satisfactory

American Merchants may trade to all the Ports of Siam, and may reside permanently at Bangkok, the Capital of the Country.

All farms and monopolies (except Opium) are abolished, produce is to pay but one Tax, whether that be levied as a land Tax, Production Tax, Transit Tax, or Tax on Exportation. Americans are allowed to buy directly from the Producer and sell to the Consumer, without the intervention of any Farmer or Government Official.

Americans residing at Bangkok, may lease lands, buy, or erect buildings thereon, anywhere in the City, or within a distance of Four Miles

Miles from the City walls; and after Ten Years residence, they may purchase the fee of such lands.

Americans may reside and buy lands, anywhere within a circ[le] of about 200 Miles in diameter, of which Bangkok is the centre; (with the exception of the limits before noted) this includes the most densely settled and fertile part of Siam.

Americans may travel in any parts of the Siamese dominions; are secured full toleration of their Religion, and may build places of worship.

The old Tonnage Duty is abolished, and in lieu thereof, a duty of Three per Cent. is to be paid on Imports and the duties before alluded to, on articles of Export.

American Citizens are placed under the protection of an American Consul, and offenders are to be tried by him, and punished, if guilty, by American laws.

American ships are placed on the Same

same footing as Siamese, Chinese and other Nations.

The first article of the Treaty, as proposed by me, contained a clause giving reciprocity to the Siamese. To this, the Commissioners objected, and said, that the reciprocity would only exist on paper, for none of their ships would ever visit the Ports of the United States; they were so far off.

They desired that the clause giving reciprocal advantages to them, should be struck out, and that I would insert a clause to the effect, that in as much as Siamese Ships never visited the Ports of the United States, that the U. S. ships of war, which would meet the ships of Siam, on the high seas, should give them all such friendly aid as they might require and which would not involve a breach of neutrality. That American Consuls, residing in Ports, to which Siamese vessels traded, should also give such

friendly

friendly assistance, as the laws of the respective Countries, in which they resided would permit. I pointed out to the Commissioners that what they desired of American Men of war, was always given by the Powers of the Western World, without any Treaty obligations, and that Consuls would be willing to assist Siamese Ships, on receiving the same fees, as were paid by Americans for similar services, and that the insertion of such conditions in the Treaty was unnecessary. To this they replied, that if such assistance as they desired would be given by the Americans, as a matter of course I could not have any objections to inserting it in the Treaty, and that its insertion would give great satisfaction to their nobles and others engaged in trade.

In assenting to their wishes, I called their attention strongly to the fact, that the assistance to be given was to be of a nature that did not involve

involve any breach of neutrality, and that they must not consider it in the light of an alliance. They said they fully understood me, and that if they went to war, they could not claim any assistance, from the United-States, as against their enemies.

On the 24th of May, the day on which the Treaty was agreed on, and ordered to be engrossed, Yin, formed the Commissioners, that it was necessary for me, to leave on the 28th of the month. For the reasons, that the San Jacinto only had a supply of bread for 16 days, and that I was very anxious to reach China in time to save the Mail, which would leave Hong kong on the 10th of June, and also desired Prince Kwan Hkuang, a brother of the King, to inform their Majesty's of my intention.

On the 28th the Prince informed me, that his Majesty, the first King, desired me to postpone my departure

departure for some days, to enable him to write an answer to the Pre. sident's letter & to prepare presents for him. I was also informed, that his Majesty could not give me my audience of leave before the 3d. or 4th. of June.

I informed the Prince, that I was deeply grieved, that I could not comply with the wishes of His Majesty, that the wants of bread made it imperative, that the San Jacinto should sail on the day named, that the letter to the Pre. sident and the presents could be delivered to the Consul, who would be appointed, before I left, and that he would forward them in a proper manner; that I should deeply regret, leaving without my audience of leave, but I trusted his Majesty would see the necessi. ty of my departure, and acquit me of any disrespect, if I left without an audience.

The Treaty was signed on the

the 29th of May, and a Salute of 21 guns was fired, by the Siamese on the occasion, which was returned by the San Jacinto on the 31st.

On the 30th of May I appointed Mr. Stephen Mattoon, a native of the State of New York, as American Consul for the Kingdom of Siam, during the pleasure of the President of the United States, and no longer.

I was this morning informed, that the Second King would grant me an audience on this day, and that the first King would also give me an audience on the next morning at 7 o'clock.

I went to the palace of the Second King and was received by him in a most agreeable manner. His Majesty speaks English fluently and correctly. He gave me a receipt for the presents from the President, which I transmit herewith numbered 3 and also gave me a list of the contents of

four.

four cases of presents which he had put up for the President; this list I also hand you herewith, numbered 4. The cases of presents were sent to me after my audience; they are now on board the San Jacinto, & will be forwarded to the Collector of the Port of New York, on my arrival in China.

His Majesty informed me that he had a letter already written to the President, but he could not send it until the first King had his letter written, so that both might be delivered at the same time.

On the following morning, I had my audience of leave at the palace of the first King, and after an hour of public audience, his Majesty invited me to a private audience, when he presented me with a receipt for the presents from the President, which I transmit herewith and numbered 5., and another document

of

of his own composition and writing, explaining the causes, which prevented his writing to the President by me; this paper I also transmit herewith numbered 6.

Afterwards the King filled wine for all present, and drank the health of the President of the United States, wishing long life to him, and prosperity to the Country, expressing his strong hopes, that the Treaty, just concluded, would cement a lasting friendship between the two Countries &c.

I also transmit a paper, numbered 7, containing a list of all the presents taken out by me, and the names of the persons to whom they were given.

Herewith I transmit a gold cigarcase, (N:8) presented to me by the first King, also another gold cigarcase (N:9) and a silk cloth, (N:10), which forms the usual dress of a Siamese Noble; the two

last

last articles were presented to me by Prince George Washington, eldest son of the second King, these were the only articles, presented to me, while I was in Siam.

It is due to Commodore Armstrong, that I should inform you of the very efficient and cordial support, I received from him, and the Officers of the Ship. My escort was quite large, when compared with the strength of the ship's company, and I know it had a good effect on the Siamese, by enhancing in their eyes, the importance of my mission.

I have the honor to be,
With sincere respect,
Your Obedient Servant,

Townsend Harris

# List of Enclosures

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in Cleveland in packing case

Copy.

Legation of the U. S. of America to Siam
U. S. Steam Frigate San Jacinto
at anchor off the Menam April 18th 1856.

To His Excellency the Minister for Foreign Affairs
at Bangkok.

I have the honor to apprise your Excellency of my arrival at this place and to request you to present my respectful salutations to His Majesty the King of Siam and to inform the King that I am the bearer of a friendly letter from the President of the U. S. addressed to His Majesty the Magnificent King of Siam, which letter I am most anxious to deliver in my character of Envoy Plenipotentiary of the President of the U. S.

The frigate draws so much
water

water that the cannot cross the bar, I have therefore to request Your Excellency to be pleased to provide me with the means, of reaching Bangkok as soon as possible.

My Suite will consist of Commodore James Armstrong, an officer of the highest rank in the U.S. Navy and Commander in Chief of the United States naval forces in the Indian, China & Japan Seas also

Lieut Rutledge U. S. Navy
" Carter do. do.
Fleet Surgeon Wood do. do.
Purser Bradford do. do.
Mr. Heusken Secretary to the Envoy
Mr. Van den Heuvel do " . Commodore

A guard of Marines with a band of music about 27 Persons,
4 Servants making together

40

40 Persons

I have also a number of packages, containing valuable articles, which require great care in the handling and to be protected from wet, some of the packages measure nearly 9 feet by 6 feet. I hope Your Excellency will order a suitable conveyance for these Articles with proper persons to take care of them, until they shall reach Bangkok.

I have written to the Rev. S. Mattoon of Bangkok, requesting him to come down to me without any delay and I shall feel greatly obliged to your Excellency, if you will give Mr. Mattoon such facilities, as he may need to enable him to reach me. Among the anticipated pleasures attending my visit to Siam I count the making of Your acquaintance among the greatest

greatest.

I avail myself of this opportunity of assuring Your Excellency of my most distinguished consideration.

(Signed) Townsend Harris

Envoy Plenipotentiary of the U.S. of America to Siam and American Consul General for the Empire of Japan

Letter N. 2.

๏ หนังสือ เจ้าพนักงานพระคลังเสนาบดีผู้ใหญ่ณกรุงเทพมหานครซึ่งได้รับพระราชภาระเมืองต่างประเทศ มาถึง
ออร์เธอเอแบลดอนเซนทะวิศทูต ด้วยท่านมีหนังสือเข้าไปว่าท่านถือหนังสือประเวสแดนซึ่งเป็นใหญ่ในอิศเทศ
เป็นทูตเข้ามาณกรุงเทพมหานคร เข้ามาถึงที่ทอดนอกสันดอนแล้วมีความในหนังสือเป็นหลายประการ
นั้นได้นำหนังสือขึ้นกราบบังคมทูลแด่พระบาทสมเด็จพระปรเมนทรมหามกุฎพระจอมเกล้าเจ้าอยู่หัวทรงทราบใต้ฝ่า
ละอองธุลีพระบาท แลเรียนท่านเสนาบดีผู้ใหญ่ทั้งปวงให้เข้าความแล้วก็มีความยินดี ซึ่งปฏิกษกันว่าเรือ
ฝรั่งกิดที่ท่านขี่เข้ามานั้นเป็นเรือใหญ่กินน้ำมากจะข้ามสันดอนเข้ามาเห็นจะไม่ได้. ถ้าจะถ่ายเป็นเรือสำเภาลงกว่า
ยี่สิบลำ เรือสำเภาลงจะถูกนี้เป็นระยะเข้าของออกไปหาสินค้าเข้ามาใส่สำเภาจีน เรือสำเภาลงก็มีอยู่น้อยถ้าจะถ่ายของจนเรือ
จีนข้ามสันดอนเข้ามาได้การก็จะช้านัก จึ่งคิดกันจักเรือลงมารับท่านไปว่าจนท้าวเทวนหัวเรือคำหนึ่งให้สมควรโดยทางไมตรี
ท่านเข้าไปถึงเมืองสมุทปราการแล้วจะได้จักเรือกันเข้าลงมาคอยรับยี่สิบสองลำจะได้ขึ้นไปอยู่ที่ภักณกรุงเทพมหานคร
ถ้าจะรับหนังสือประเวสแดนนั้น ครั้งแลศแมนรอเบิร์เข้ามาก็ได้จักเรือรับหนังสือกันที่กรุงเทพมหานคร เมื่อท่านขึ้นไป
ถึงแล้วจึ่งจะได้ผูกทากันด้วยการรับหนังสือ แลที่เรือนภักนั้นเป็นเรือนเครื่องทากไม่สมควรที่ท่านจะอยู่แต่เป็นที่เมืองไป
ได้นับถือยิ่งกว่าที่ทำ แลเรือนนี้จะเป็นของเก่าด้วยเป็นของใหม่ทั้งสิ้น มีใครมีผู้ใดไปอยู่ก่อน แลสำนักงานที่มีภาย
นอกที่กรุงเทพมหานครจะไปทำเมือง ให้เมืองกรมการต้องปลูกเรือนเป็นของใหม่ให้อยู่จึ่งสมควรกับยศ ไม่ต้องอยู่เรือนเก่า
ที่เช่าอยู่แล้ว แลที่ทำหลวงสำรับรับทูตนั้นข้าวปากเข้ามาเปลี่ยนหนังสือสัญญาก็เข้าใจอยู่แล้วอย่าให้ท่านมีความน้อยใจเลย
ว่าปลูกเรือนเครื่องทากรับ ให้เขียนเป็นอักษรไทยมาให้ท่านแล้ว ด้วยไม่มีล่ามอังกฤษ หมอสะกุนกลงมาอยู่ในที่ประชุม
แล้ว จ่าจะแปลให้ท่านเข้าใจได้ หนังสือมาณวันปีมะโรงศกอันนี้เดือนสิบสองขึ้น ปีมะโรงนักษัตรจัตวาศก

Original & Translation 1856. Siam

Enclosure N: 2.
of Letter N: 5.

Phra, Klang.

Bangkok, April 12th

Received

Translation.

The communication of Chau Phraya, Phra Klang, a Siamese High Noble and Minister of Foreign Affairs sent to Honorable Townsend Harris Envoy and Minister Plenipotentiary from the United States to the King, dowr of Siam, informing him, that his letter announcing that he was the bearer of a letter from the President of the United States and had come to Siam as Envoy and had now arrived off the Bar have been received, in which letter were several particulars, all of which had been made known, to his Majesty, Phra Bard, Somdetch, Phra Paramender, Maha, Mongkut, Phra, Chau, Klau, Chau, Yu, Hua and to all the high ministers of State, who were much

gratified

gratified. After consultation it was concluded that the Frigate in which the Envoy came was too large and drew too much water to cross the Bar, that if they should attempt to lighten the vessel, it would take more than twenty lighters, that these boats at this season are engaged in collecting merchandise for the Chinese Junks, here, there are but few of them to be had, and it would take a long time to lighten the Frigate sufficiently to cross the Bar. They have therefore decided to send boats on monday, the first of the waning Moon of the fifth month, in a manner suitable to the friendship existing between the two Countries and receive the Envoy and bring him up to Canton, Peiho, Tien, and those twenty two Tungs

boats

boats will be provided, to take the Envoy to his residence at the Capital. In reference to the letter of the President, when Mr. Edmund Roberts came to Siam a boat was sent to receive the letter of the President after his arrival at the Capital, but that can be arranged after the arrival of the Envoy. The residence of the Envoy has been made of atap; not suitable for him; but according to Siamese custom it would be considered more honorable, than a brick building or other old building, as it is altogether new not having been previously occupied. If Princes or nobles of high rank, visit any of the other provinces, the Governors of the provinces are obliged to build such a house, as most suitable to their rank,

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it thus not being necessary
for them to reside in an old
building, previously occupied
by others. The brick building
belonging to the King and used
as a palace of reception for Embassadors, is now occupied by Mr.
Harry Parkes, who is here for
the purpose of exchanging
treaties, so we beg that the
Envoy will not be displeased,
that we have built an Attap
house for his reception.
This communication is written in Siamese, as we have no
English Interpreter and Mr.
Mattoon having gone down
to the Ship, he will be able
to translate it for the Envoy.

This communication was
written on Thursday the 12th of
the increasing Moon, the fifth
Month of the year of the Serpent,
corresponding to April 17th, 1856.

Somdetch Phra Pawarendr Rameer Mahiswareer Phra Pin Klau, Chau Yu Hua, the Second King of Siam, & its dependencies, Laos, &c. &c. to all whom these presents shall come greeting!

This is to certify, that His Excellency Townsend Harris Envoy Plenipotentiary, and bearer of a letter and presents from Franklin Pierce, President of the United States of America, to the Court of Siam, having arrived here in the United States Steamer "San Jacinto," delivered to us in good condition the following articles:—

One Splendid Oval Mirror.

One Electrical Machine of the latest and most approved construction, with numerous appurtenances to exhibit the power and uses of Electricity.

One Optical Expriment. Color blender, for showing that the union of all the colors in their proper proportion, will produce white.

One Portrait (life size) of General Washington.

One Portrait (life size) of President Pierce.

One extra fine finished, engraved, richly gilt, ivory handle, Colts 5 inch pistol, in rich brass bound rosewood case, velvet lined, with 5 extra plated flasks, percussion caps, powder, balls, &c. &c., complete.

One Sharp's patent primer carabine, round barrel, 32 guage globe sight, german silver mounted. 2 lbs Sharp's primers. 10 lb Cartridges.

One Republican Court, or society in the days of Washington,

Illustrated, and splendidly bound, scarlet Turkey Morocco full gilt.

One American scenery, or principal views in the United States, with full description bound antique morocco.

One Illustrated description of the works of art, exhibited at the New York exhibition, bound Turkey morocco gilt.

One Iconographic Encyclopoedia, of the Arts, and Sciences fully described, and splendidly illustrated, bound Turkey morocco gilt. Six Volumes.

One Webster's American Dictionary, unabridged, bound in scarlet Turkey morocco, full gilt and lettered, Presented to His Majesty, The Second King of Siam, by Franklin Pierce, President of the United States of America.

One Map of the United States from Atlantic to Pacific Oceans, on Rollers.

1 Colored view of the City of Washington.
1 " " " New Orleans.
1 " " New York, from St. Pauls Church
1 " " " from the Bay.
1 " " Boston
1 " " of the Senate Chamber at Washington.

Given at Our Palace, in the City of Ratne Kosindr Mahind
Ayudia, Bangkok, Siam, May 29th, Christian era, one thou
sand, eight hundred and fifty six. Sixth of our reign.

P. S. Phra Pawarendrarames.

Second King of Siam, &c.

List of Articles, presented by His Majesty The Second King of Siam, to Franklin Pierce, President of the United States of America.

Case marked [1] contains elegant and costly specimens of Siamese garments.

1 Silk Cloth richly wrought with gold. Called by us Pha Yok Thong Klet Phum Sen.

2 Silk Cloths, richly wrought. Called Pha Yok Mâi.

2 Silk Cloths, richly figured. Called Pha Pum Khâmên.

2 Silk Cloths, plain. Called Pha Muang.

1 Plain Silk Gown. Called Sua Yipun Phrë Simuang.

1 Plain jacket with five gold buttons. Called Sua Sân Phrë

1 Silk Gown, richly figured, wrought with gold. Called Sua Khrui Phun Muang Dok Luam Pâk Thong.

1 Coat. Called Sua Khem Khap Yang Nov.

Case marked [2] contains silver ware, plated with gold.

1 Waterpot. Called Kanâm.

1 Stand for Waterpot. Called Thât Rong.

1 Cylindrical Teapot. Called Kanâm Rọn Rup Ka: bok.

1 Water bowl. Called Khăn Năm. 1 Stand for the Water bowl. Called Phan Rong. 1 Small Cup. Called Chok. 1 Stand, the rim of the bowl of which is denticulated. Called Phan Pak Ka: chăp

2 Stands the rim of the bowls of which have broad leaf-like denticulations. Called Phan Pak Bai Séma.

1 Spittoon. Called Ka: thóne.

Case marked (3) contains

1 Brass Drum.

1 Brass Gong.

Case marked (4) contains—

2 Brass Stands.

Given at Our Palace, May 29th, 1856.

P. S. Phra Pawarendraamese )
Second King of Siam, &c.

Somdetch Phra Paramendr Maha Mongkut
by the blessing from highest superagency
of the whole universe, the first King of
the Siamese Kingdom and sovereign of
it dependant tributary countries
lying around in adjacent states Viz
Laos Cambodia, Most of Malay
peninsula &c and professor of the
Pali language and Buddhistical
literature &c &c &c

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To All and Singular to whom these presents shall come greeting!

We have the great pleasure of acknowledging receipt of the letter sealed with the great seal of the United States of America Dated 12th September 1855 from the hands of the Honourable Townsend Harris Esquire who was appointed Consul General of the United States for the Empire of Japan & envoy plenipotentiary to our Kingdom for negotiations of a new treaty and the amendment of the old treaty of friendship and commerce between the United States of America and Siam for its improvement as more advantageous to both sides, and who has

has delivered several Valued
presents to us with this list which was
copied and put herein on next page,
stating these Valued presents were entrusted
to his Care and designed to us by
Franklin Pierce, President of the
United States of America, at our
Court in the Pyramidical royal residence
named Just Aka Thasar on the first
day of May 1856. We have received
them all in Good Condition completely
with great Sincere thanks to Franklin
Pierce, President of the United States
of America who has great liberty to
design for us and to Townsend Harris
Esquire who has consigned those to us
in very good condition, We were
much pleased with all those presents
enumerated as follows —

as follows - Viz

— Two splendid mirrors very thick plates measuring 80 inches by 56 inches, with frames finely carved out of solid wood and richly gilt —

— Two Superior Solar Chandeliers each 8 lights ormolu gildings, after the premium models of the World's exhibition in 1851, Thirty six Cut Glass globes for the same Thirty six plain glass chimneys Seventy two dozen of Lamp wicks

One Compound Achromatic Microscope of the most approved form for the magnifying of minute objects, with 3 eyepieces of different powers

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Four Sets of achromatic object glasses of different foci, double mirror moveable stage, diagonal eyepiece, Condenser, dissecting instruments, box of objects, and Camera Lucida by which an accurate drawing of any object viewed in the Microscope may be taken.

One Solar Microscope, by which a magnified image of any object is represented on a white wall or screen, has 3 rack adjustments, 3 inch condensing lens, 3 object glasses of different magnifying powers and 3 objects finely prepared

A Small box containing twelve
finely prepared objects for the
Solar Microscope.

One Small Box containing twelve
finely prepared objects for the
compound achromatic Microscope
A book descriptive of the ~~objects~~
most interesting for the Microscope,
with many plates.

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One Sharps Patent primer Rifle
octagon Barrel globe sight
number 32 guage and german
Silver mounted.
Two ℔ of Sharps primers
One hundred cartridges.

One richly engraved, extra fine, finished richly gilt ivory handled Colts 5 inch Pistol, in rich brass bound rosewood case, velvet lined with fine extra plated flasks, moulds, wrench key &c best percussion caps, powder, balls &c complete

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One Portrait life size of Genl Washington

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One Portrait life size of Genl Pierce

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One Republican Court or society in the days of Genl Washington illustrated and splendidly bound, scarlet, turkey, Morocco, full gilt.

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One Websters American dictionary, unabridged, bound in scarlet, turkey, morocco, full gilt and bll. Presented to his Majesty the King of Siam by Franklin Pierce, President of the United States of America.

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1 coloured view of the city of Washington
1 Do Do in New Orleans

1 coloured view of the city of New York from St Pauls C
1 do do do do do from the Bay
1 do do do do Boston
1 " " " " Senate Chamber at Was
1 " " " " Philadelphia
1 " " " " West Point
1 " " " " Chrystal Palace New York
1 tinted " " city of New Orleans
1 view of an express railway train -

One map of the United States from Atlant
to Pacific oceans on rollers.

We have liberty to give these presents
shewing whole enumeration of the above
said articles which were received by
us from the hand of Townsend Ward Esq
Sealed our royal seals, both official
and peculiar standard seals and -

Signed

Signed with our Royal Land to be credentials
in the Lands of the bearer.

Given at our Court of Amarindr
Vinechai Grand Palace Ratnekosindr
Bangkok on the Saturday which
the twelfth of waning moon
of the Lunar Month of Visakh

in the year of the Quadruped
Serpent bearing the number of Seamese
astronomical Era 1218. Corresponding
to the 31st May in the Year of
Christians Era 1856 which is the sixth
of our reign.

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Somdetch Phra Paramendre
Maha Mongkut
By the blessing of highest & greatest
Supper agency of universe
The King of Siam & Sovereign
of all tributary countries adjacent
in every direction namely
Laos Shiangs, Laokuns, Cambodia
Karieungs and most of Malay peninsula
and professor of Pali language &
Buddhistical literature &c &c

To All and a Singular to whom
These presents Shall come Greeting;

We have acknowledged the receipt
of the letter of the President of United States
of America whose name is Franklin
Pierce, dated city Washington twelfth
of September 1856. handed us by Hobble
Townsend Harris Esquire who is the
envoy appointed to make a new Treaty

Treaty with us as amending the Old Trea
of the said country with ours for bei
improved & more advantagious to both
sides in Similar manner of that wi
English Governments Just done.

We have the said letter perused a
present of our Supreme court on th
first day of May 1856.

Agreeably to request of Governmen
of United States of America We hav
counsel of sakale Royalty & our coun
& appointed one of our royal brothe
three high misters officers of States
who were totally four individuals
ever have been appointed plenipote
tiaries in our part to hold the consu
tion & made the new Treaty with Sr
John Bowring English plenipotentiar
on last year, and add the other
one in place of our first regent w
had been one of the five plenipoten
tiaries on last year & lost his life a
the time of the Treaty with English
was just sealed & signed on 18th Apri
1855. So our plenipotentiaries wer
full four individuals invested with
full power to make the new Treaty
of Friendship & commerce between
Siam & United States of America
in our part & hold consultation
with Townsend Harris Esquire the En
plenipotentiary of U S of Ameri

Their names & offices were fully
mentioned in the form of the Treaty

Although they were appointed by us on very early part of the current month, but in consequence of their business in being our Royal commissioners to make the agreement (which is a commentary of the Treaty with English both old & new) with Mr Harry Smith Parkes who was the bearer of Ratification of the new Treaty from England for exchange here & prepaire all its provision. after that agreement was done on late of the present month They have held the consultation with Townsend Harris Esquiz on a few occasions the American Envoy has formed the new Treaty in very similar manner of that of English & wrote in Triad duplicates. which were concluded by signatures of both Siamese & American plenipotentiaries on the 29th day May 1856.

After which date Townsend Harris Esquire was in greatest hurrying for his departure on 31st May, We could not postpone his departure for a few days more in next week. We regret very much We could not furnish proper royal letter in answer to the letter addressed us from the President of U.S. of America & already in picking & prepairing the suitable Royal presents for the President who have good mess enough to offer us his good friend ship remarked by his valued presents designed to us on this occasion as the time is very narrow between the day of the conclusion of the Treaty & departure of the envoy.

Therefor for declaration our being sincer
gratitude to the President of United Stat
of America indeed and for our further pro
that we send our royal letter & suitab
royal presents to America on other occas
by any rate when good opportunity allo
the whole there present with our roya
hand & sealed with great Seal of ou
Kingdom & our official & particular
Seals for our royal Standard. to
a credentials from us in hand of Ho
Townsend Harris Esquier the envoy

Given at our court of Amarinor
Wimeshai Palmekasinde Bangkok
on the Saturday 12th the Morning mea
in the Lunar Month of Visakh in the
year of Quadruped Serpent bearing the
number of Siamese astronomical Era
1218. corresponding to the 3rd day May 186
of Christian Era which is the Sixth of
our reign

No. 6.
No. 5.

List of Articles presented to the first King of Siam.

Two large Mirrors
Two Solar Chandeliers
One compound achromatic microscope with apparatus complete
One Solar microscope with apparatus complete
One Sharps patent primmer rifle
Two M primmers, One hundred cartridges
One Colts 5 inch pistol complete.
One portrait life size of General Washington
One do do " President Pierce.
Ten volumes of richly bound printed books
Eleven colored prints.
One map of United States.

List of Articles presented to the Second King of Siam.

One large oval mirror
One electrical machine with apparatus complete.
One colour blender
One portrait life size of General Washington

One portrait life size of President Pierce
One eighteen Colt's inch pistol
One Sharps patent prisner carabine
Two M prisners, One hundred cartridges
Ten volumes of richly bound
printed books.
Six colored Prints
One Map of United States

Presented to each of the five
commissioners Appointed
for negociating the Treaty
One Ivory handle Colt's pistol.
To the Eldest Son of the 1st King
One Sharp's Carabine
To Prince George Washington
eldest son of the second King
one Colt's pistol.
To the Second Son of the First
King One Colt's pistol.
To the adopted son of the first
King One Colt's pistol.
To the Pha, Na-liai, head of the
Marine One Colt's pistol
To a high noble, brother of the
prime minister One Colt's pistol.

Recd 17. Septh.

Bangkok, Siam, May 30th 1856.

To
the Honorable William L. Marcy
Secretary of State of the
United States of America.

Sir,

We desire you to communicate to the President and Senate of the United States, that on Monday, the 15th April, 1856, the U. S. S. Steam Frigate San Jacinto arrived off the Mouth of Chao Phaya River, and anchored in Six Fathoms water.

The Frigate drawing 18 feet water, could not cross the Bar.

Phaya, Maha, Srikrukiu, the Commander of the Fort at Samuedda, Phra Klang and the Governor of that place sent a boat with a properi Officer to visit the San. Jacinto

The honorable Townsend Harris, Consul General of the United States to Japan, forwarded a letter, saying, that he had been appointed by the President of the United States as Minister Plenipotentiary to Siam and was the bearer of a letter from the

President

President to the King of Siam and requesting that a boat might be provided, to receive him and the American Officers of his Suite.

The communications of Phaiya, Maha, Akhinkin and Phaya, Sainueda, Buranurak and of M. Harris were made known to His Majesty Comdetch, Phra, Paramendr, Maha, Mongkut the King of Siam, who remarked, that he had for some time been expecting that a Person of wisdom would be sent by the President of the United States, for the purpose of making the old Treaty and make a new one, and had therefore ordered, a place should be prepared, for the residence of the American Envoy, suitable to his rank.

As M. Harris, Consul. Ge. neral to Japan has now arrived as Plenipotentiary, bearing a letter of the President, and as the Steamer is too large to enter the river, let the proper Officers prepare boats and bring up the Envoy, and let the arrangements for his reception be superior to what they were at the time of the reception of M. Bowlet.

order was then given to Phaya, Mantri, Surivuang, Phaya-Bay, Klongsan and Chao, Mun Wai, Warasat, to make suitable arrangements for the reception and entertainments of the Envoy and suite at the town of Samudda Prakan.

On the 21st of April, the steamer Siam, Warra, Sumpon for the Envoy and his suite, & schooner for the presents with three row boats, 11 & 12 fathoms in length, with rowers in red uniforms as a guard, making five sea-going boats were sent down to the San Jacinto, to bring the Envoy and suite, in all 46 persons to the town of Samudda Prakam. When they arrived at this place a Salute of 21 guns was fired, and the Envoy and Suite were provided with dinner of meats, fruits &c. 20 Kanya boats 10 & 11 fathoms in length such as are used by Siamese Nobles upon the rivers and canals were provided to convey the Envoy and his suite to the Capital. But Mr. Harris preferred to come in the Steamer, as more expeditious. The Kanya boats however formed a procession with the Steamer

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up the river.

At 5 o'clock PM, the Envoy and Suite arrived at the place appointed for their residence, where they were received by his Excellency Chau, Phaya-Phra-Klang, minister for Foreign Affairs and Phaya Visit, Song, Kram and the official Interpreters were directed to remain and to the wants of the Envoy during his stay in Siam.

A boat 11 fathoms in length with gilt cover was provided for the use of the Envoy and two with painted covers for his Suite. For these boats 70 rowers were provided and 15 others for waits, making 85 men in all.

Thursday May 1 was appointed for the delivery of the President's letter and a public audience of His Majesty the first King.

One boat was provided for the letter of the President, and the for the Presents and two Kaya, 12 and 13 fathoms long for the Envoy and Suite. Nine rowers other boats with music and banners formed the procession. The number of boat, men was more than One thousand.

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On arriving at the landing Ha Phra, a Salute of 21 guns was fired, in honor of the President's letter. From the landing there was a land procession of more than 500 men bearing various weapons. The procession halted at the Hall of Justice on the right within the Palace walls, to wait for the king to enter the Hall of Audience, when the Envoy and Suite were conducted to the Hall of audience, called Maha Phra Sat, where the Envoy delivered the letter of the President into the hands of his Majesty, and made over to him, the various presents, in the presence of all the Princes, and nobles and officers of the Siamese Court. His Majesty read the President's letter in English in the hearing of the American Officers, that they might know, that His Majesty truly understood the letter and then translated it for the information of the Siamese officers present. After which he had a friendly conversation, with the Envoy, Commodore Armstrong and the American Officers. At the conclusion of which, he gave orders, that they should be conducted to the Hall of Justice

Justice in the right and be provided with Suitable entertainment. Mr Harris was received in a similar manner, to the Envoys of the most powerful nations visiting Siam.

On the 2d of May, Mr Harris and the American officers had an audience of His Majesty the 2d King. The officers of the 2d King's Palace received the Envoy, in a similar manner as the reception at the palace of the 1st King.

On monday, the 12th of May their Majesties the 1st and Second kings after consulting with the Princes and nobles and considering that it would be proper to appoint the same Parties, to treat with the American Envoy, that made the Treaty with Sir John Bowring ~~the Secretaries~~ Authorised persons by their consultation with Sir John Bowring and with Mr Parkes, who brought the English ratified Treaty to be exchanged and entered into explanations, as to the meaning of the Treaty, every Particular with the whole subject, appointed as Commissioners, the following persons viz. His Royal Highness Prince

Krom, Hluang, Wongsa, Dhiraj, Sanit on the part of the royal family; His Excellency Somdetch Chao Phaya, Praklang, Maha, Bijai Nate, who has authority throughout the Kingdom. His Excellency Chao Phaya Si Suriwongse, Samuha, Phra, Kalahom, who has the Control of all the Western and Southern provinces. His Excellency Chao Phya, Rawi, Wongse, Maha, Kosa, Dhipade the Phra Klang, minister for foreign affairs and Intendant of the Eastern Provinces, and his Excellency Chao, Phaya, Yomraj the Lord Mayor: in all, five Commissioners and gave them plenipotentiary powers to consult and make a Treaty with the American Plenipotentiary. The Consultations were ended on the 29th of May and on the 29th the 5 Commissioners on the part of Siam and the American Plenipotentiary on the part of the United States, placed their Signatures and Seals to the Treaty as a witness at the palace of Prince Krom, Hluang Wongsa, Dhiraj, Sanit. Upon the Signing of the Treaty a salute of 21 guns was fired.

The ratifications of the Treaty will be

be known from the Copy sent with this communication.

Mr. Harris expressed his desire to hasten his departure for Japan, wishing to leave on the 25th of May. The Ministers desired him to delay his departure for two days, till they could prepare a letter and presents as tokens of friendship to the President of the United States. But Mr Harris would not consent, saying that he should lose the mail and thus the Treaty would be delayed another month.

On this account a letter and a present are not sent at this time, but merely a Royal writ for the safe delivery of the presents. A letter and presents will be sent hereafter.

During Mr. Harris's stay in Siam, His Majesty was pleased to order, that provision should be made daily, for the supply of all necessary comforts, and supplies were also sent to the San Jacinto to appropriate to the friendship existing between the two nations.

We beg to acknowledge the receipt of the following presents.

For His Majesty the 1st King.

One Colts Pistol gilt, one carbine, the portraits of Washington and President Pierce, one Compound Solar

miroscope, 2 large mirrors, ten volumes books, 12 Engravings, and 2 large chandelier.

For His Majesty the Second King, the Portraits of Washington and President Price, 6 Engravings, 1 large mirror, 1 Large Electrical machine, 1 rifle carabine, 1 Colts pistol gilt, 10 volumes books and 1 maps of the United States. All were received as tokens of friendship.

This communication is sent in Siamese and English, both of the same tenor.

We are Dear Sir
Yours faithfully
Chom Phya Phra Klang
His Siamese Majestys Secretary of
State for Foreign Affairs
Phya Bibadh Kosa
Phya Raja Kupsrapandh
Two subordinate officers in the
Foreign Department.

หนังสือ เจ้าพระยาพระคลังเสนาบดีผู้ใหญ่กรุงเทพมหานครอมรรักษ์
โกสินทรมหินทรายุธยา ซึ่งได้รับพระราชทานพ่นประเทศ มาถึงออนนรเบอลิเสียม
มาเสดผู้สำเร็จราชการฝ่ายพลานประเทศแผ่นดินของเมริกาให้แสดงความแก่ปรีไสดเคน
แลว ให้ทราบ ด้วยฉวันจันทเดือนหัวชีนีแปดค่ำปีมโม
นักษัตรอัฐศก เรือกลไฟชื่อเซนยะสินโคเข้าไปถึงบ้านน้ำเจ้าพระยาทอดอยู่น้ำลุก
หลวง เรือกินน้ำลุกข้ามสันดอนเข้าไปไม่ได้ พระยามหาอัคนิการขุนนางนายทหาร
รักษาป้อมอยู่ที่เมืองสมุทปราการ พระยาสมุทบุรานุรักษ์ผู้สำเร็จราชการบ้านเมือง
จึงให้กรมการลงเรือใบลงออกไปเยี่ยมเยียนถามว่าเป็นเซนยะสินโคของนรเบอลอนเซนหริส
ให้หนังสือ ฉีนี้ไปฉบับหนึ่งว่า ปรีไสดเคนซึ่งเป็นใหญ่ในศิศเทย ให้ถอนเซน
หริสทูตเป็นกงซุนเยนะรินถือสำเนาสัญญาหนังสือปรีไสดเคนเข้าไปด้วยฉบับหนึ่ง
ขอให้จดเรือลงไปรับถอนเซนหริสกับขุนนางอเมริกันโดยสมควรนั้น ได้นำหนังสือ
พระยามหาอัคนิการพระยาสมุทบุรานุรักษ์ออกฉีนไป กับหนังสือถอนเซนหริส
ฉีนั้นภายหลังคมทูล แต่พระยาพลสมเด็จพระปรมินทรามหาจักรพรรดิภชสังกาย
บรมธรรมิกมหาราชาธิราชบรมนาถบพิตรพระจอมเกล้าเจ้าอยู่หัว ผู้ทรงพระคุณ
อันประเสริฐให้ทรงทราบได้ดำลองจุลพระยาแล้ว ซึ่งมีพระบรมราช
โองการมาพระบัณฑูรสั่งหมายทำรัสเหนือเกล้าเหนือกระหม่อมว่า
ซึ่งประเทศไสดเคนจะแต่งให้ขุนนางที่มีสติปัญญาเข้ามาแก้หนังสือสัญญาเก่าทำสัญญา
ใหม่นั้นก็ได้ทรงทราบมานานแล้ว จึงได้สั่งเจ้าพนักงานปลูกเรือนไว้รับ
ให้ขุนนางอเมริกันอยู่ ให้สมกับยศศักดิ์ถอนเซนหริสกงซุน
เยนะรินเมืองยี่ปุ่นถือสำเนาและเชิญหนังสือปรีไสดเคนเข้ามาถึงแล้ว

เรือใหญ่จะเข้าตีกองทัพเจ้าพระยามิได้ ก็ให้เจ้าพนักงานจัดเรือออกไปรับให้สมควร
ให้ดีกว่าเมื่อครั้งอังศแมนรอเบกเข้ามานั้นเถิด แล้วไปรบเกลี้ยไปรบการหมู่มิให้
พระยามนตรีสุริยวงษ พระยาภูมินทร์ เข้ามีน้ำใจขยาดกลัว ส่งมารับเลี้ยง
กองเซนหวิศกับขุนนางอเมริกัน เมื่อเข้ามาถึงสมุทปราการนั้นด้วย
ณวันเดือนห้าแรมค่ำหนึ่งเจ้าพนักงานได้จัดเรือกลไฟชื่อสยามวรสุมพลออกมารับทูต
ลำหนึ่ง เรือสกุณาภิบาลออกมารับเครื่องราชบรรณาการลำหนึ่ง เรือแม่ทายา
ยาอีกลำ พลเสือใส่เสื้อแดงหมวกแดงเป็นเรือปืนกันสามลำรวมกันทั้งสิ้น
เป็นเรือหลวงออกไปรับกองเซนหวิศทูตที่เรือเซนยะลีนโค เข้ามาถึงสมุทปราการ
กองเซนหวิศทูตหนึ่ง ทำมิโกดยิมชำสกรองหนึ่ง ขุนนางเก๊กกง ทหาร
ญี่ปุ่นกง กองประโคมแปดกอง กองไชโยกกอง รวมกันสี่สิบหกกอง
เมื่อเข้ามาถึงเมืองสมุทปราการได้ยิงปืนที่ป้อมรับสี่สิบเอ็ดนัดแล้ว ได้นำกองเซน
หวิศทูต กับขุนนางจีนภักดีสาลาใหญ่นำเมืองสมุทปราการได้จากกับเข้าของ
กินผลไม้ต่าง ๆ เลี้ยงกองเซนหวิศทูต ทำมิโกดยิมชำสกรอง ขุนนางทหาร
กองไชโยแล้ว เจ้าพนักงานจัดเรือกันยายาว ๑๑ วาญี่ปุ่นสำเป็นเรือขุนนางไปมีทหาร
ในคลองลงมาคอยรับที่เมืองสมุทปราการ จีนไปเรือนภักดีกรุงเทพมหานคร
กองเซนหวิศทูตขึ้นจากกันเรือกันยานั้นแล้วที่ไปรับจีนมากับเรือกลไฟสยามวรสุมพล
เรือกันยาซึ่งไปคอยรับนั้นก็ได้แห่ตามจีนมาส่งด้วย เพลาบ่ายสี่โมง
กองเซนหวิศทูต ทำมิโกดยิมชำสกรอง ขุนนางอเมริกัน จีนมาถึงที่
ภักดีกรุงเทพมหานคร เรือที่ได้ไปคอยรับเสียงทูตนั้นด้วย แล้วได้ให้
พระยาวิเศษสงครามนำมาพนักงานอยู่รวังรักษาทำรงเลี้ยงกว่าขุนนางกลับไป
แล้วจึงได้เรือสำปั้นเก๋งปิดทองยาวสิบเอ็ดวาลำหนึ่ง สำปั้นเก๋งทาดีรยาวแปดวา
สองลำ รวมสามลำ ให้พนักงานเรือรับจีนกับ รวมกันนายไพ่

ไปอยู่กับทูตอเปล็ดสิบห้าคน ครั้นถึงวันพฤหัสเดือนห้าแรมสิบเอ็ดค่ำ
เป็นวันกำหนดการได้รับหนังสือปรีไลท์เคนเลกอนเซนหริศทูต ก็มิได้ก
ยิมจำสกรอง จุนเมงอเมริกันรวมกันสิบเอ็ดคนเข้าเฝ้าทูลองฉลีพระบาท
ได้จากเรือรับหนังสือปรีไลอเคนสำหนึ่ง รับเครื่องภาชนบรรณการสำหนึ่ง
เรือกันยายาว ๒๒ วา รับทูตจุนเมงอเมริกันสองสำ กับเรือกระบวนแห่
บมยกลงมารับหนังสือนั้นจากเรือ มีกระบวนแห่หน่าหลังถือเครื่องราชูต่าง ๆ
ห้าร้อยคนแต่เข้ามาถึกสาลูกจุนในฝ่ายขวาในพระบรมมหาราชวังแล้ว เพลา
เลกจ้องกรีภาคอนเซนหริศทูตก็มิได้ก็ยิมจำสกรอง จุนเมงอเมริกันเข้าเฝ้า
ทูลถวายบังคมณพระที่นั่งดุสิดมหาปราสาท ทอนเซนหริศทูตถวายหนังสือ
ปรีไลศ์เคนต่อพระหัถเสร็จทูลถวายเครื่องภาชนบรรณการ ในที่ประชุม
พระวงษานุวงษท่านเสนาบดีจักรการผู้ใหญ่ผู้น้อยเฝ้าทูลองฉลีพระบาทอยู่พร้อม
กัน แล้วหมอบ่านหนังสือเป็นภาษาอังกฤษได้จุนเมงอเมริกันฟังเสร็จว่าหม
ดความเป็นแบ่ แล้วก็หมแปลได้จักรการผลัยไทยฟังทูลพร้อมกัน
ในขณะนั้น แล้วหมพระราชประดิสถานจำนูกโครยทับทอนเซนหริศทูตก็มิได้ก
ยิมจำสกรองแลจุนเมงอเมริกันที่เข้าไปเฝ้าทูลองฉลีพระบาทโดยสมควรกับเป็นเช่น
ไม่ศรีกัน แล้วโปรดเกล้าโปรดการหม่อมให้รับ ทอนเซนหริศทูต
ก็มิได้กยิมจำมสกรอง จุนเมงอเมริกันออกมาทันเสียงที่สาลาลูกจุนในฝ่ายขวา
แลการที่รับรองทอนเซนหริศทูตครั้งนี้ เหมือนกับทูตประเทศใหญ่เข้าไป
ณกรุงเทพมหานครเหมือนกัน ครั้นถึงวันเดือนห้าแรมสิบสองค่ำทอนเซนหริศทูต
ก็มิได้กยิมจำสกรองจุนเมงอเมริกันเข้าเฝ้าพระบาทสมเด็จพระปวเรศรภาเมศวร
มหิศวรมหาราชพระปิ่นเกล้าเจ้าอยู่หัว ถวายเครื่องราชบรรณการ สำเพ็ญกิจจา
ในพระบวรราชวังได้กราบทูลการรับรองโดยสมควรกับกัน ครั้นถึงวันจันทร์

เดือนหกขึ้นแปดค่ำ พระบาทสมเด็จพระจอมเกล้าเจ้าอยู่ พระบาทสมเด็จพระปิ่น
เกล้าเจ้าอยู่หัวทั้งสองพระองค์ ร่วมความคิดกับพระมงคลมนตรีและเสนาบดี
ผู้ใหญ่ แล้วไปรดเกล้าไปรดกระหม่อม พระภรตราชทานพระภรตลัญจกรออกมาว่า
ตอนเซนหริศทดูเมริกันเข้ามาทำสัญญาคั้งนี้ จะคงให้ขนนางผู้ขึ้นนอกกาก
ท่านที่ได้พูดจาปฤกษากับเซอยอนโบวริงทำสัญญาในปีหลังนั้น จะให้ไปพูดจา
ทำสัญญากับทูตอเมริกันคั้งนี้เหนจะไม่ควร ด้วยท่านทั้งสี่ได้พูดจาทำหนังสือ
สัญญากับเซอยอนโบวริงแล้วหรือยังก็ยังเกาเข้าไปเปลี่ยนหนังสือสัญญาเรื่องความ
ออกไปให้เท่ม การพูดจาก็คิดพันกันอยู่จะยกเสียมิได้. สิ่งได้คงพระเจ้าน้องยาเธอ
กรมหลวงมงคลวิรภาชลนิกแทนพระบรมวงศานุวงศทั้งปวงหนึ่ง สมเด็จเจ้าพระยา
บรมมหาศิริยวงศ์กรินรเนครนครถวายชัยมงคล สกลพยปลิยท้ามขมาคยาธิบดี
ไทยสวรรณศิริวัฒนาการสกลมหาราชศิริเบนทรปรเมนทรมหาภูมิราชประการมีหนังสือ
เดชนภาพบฟิกร ผู้สำเร็จราชการทั้งพระนครหนึ่ง เจ้าพระยาศรีสุริยวงษ
สมุหพระกลาโหมผู้สำเร็จราชการเมืองบูรพาทิศหนึ่ง เจ้าพระยาวิไชยมหาโกษาธิบดีที่พระคลังผู้สำเร็จราชการ
เมืองตวันออกหนึ่ง เจ้าพระยายมราชเสนาบดีกรมพระนครบาลหนึ่ง
เป็นห้าด้วยกัน ให้ท่านทั้งห้านี้เป็นประธานจัดพูดจาปฤกษาทำหนังสือ
สัญญากับทูตอเมริกัน ให้แล้วการที่ได้พูดจาปฤกษากันกับตอนเซน
หริศทด เป็นอันสำเร็จแล้วกันเมื่อวันศุกรเดือนหกแรมสี่ค่ำ
ณวันพฤหัศเดือนหกแรมสิบค่ำ ได้ปิดกรมลงชื่อท่านทั้งห้าที่ได้ทำ
หนังสือสัญญากับตอนเซนหริศที่ทั้งพระเจ้าน้องยาเธอกรมหลวงมงคลวิรภาชนิก ผ่ายอมมิกัน

ถึงกรุงกรุงกอนเซนหริศเปนสำคัญ เมื่อลงชื่อถึงกรุงนั้นได้ลงชื่อสุด
ญี่สิบเบ็ดนัก ตามข้อสัญญาแลงอยู่ในหนังสือซึ่งถึงกรุงออกมา
นั้นแล้ว แลกอนเซนหริศทูตก็จะขอตามรีบกลับออกไปเมืองยี่ปุ่น
วันเดือนหกแรมสิบสองค่ำ ฝ่ายไทยจะขอผัดให้คอยอยู่อีกสองวัน
ก็จะได้จัดแลงของทองอินดีมาถึงปรีไสท์เดนอเมริกันบัง :
กอนเซนหริศทูตไม่ยอมว่าจะรีบไปให้ทันเรือที่จะไปเมืองอเมริกาซึ่งอยู่
ปากน้ำกลับเรือ หนังสือก็จะต้องไปคอยอยู่อีกถึงสามเดือน :
เพราะเหตุนี้พระราชสาสนกับแลของทองอินดีซึ่งหาได้ส่งออกมากับ
กอนเซนหริศครั้งนี้ไม่ เป็นแต่ได้พระราชทานหนังสือ
พระราชหัตถเลขาตอบของกราบบรรณาการเป็นสำคัญ พระราชสาสน์แล
ของทองอินดีจะได้ส่งออกมาต่อคราวหลัง แลกอนเซนหริศเข้าไป
กรุงเทพมหานครครั้งนี้ ก็ได้ไปรดเกล้าไปรดกระหม่อมให้เจ้าพนักงาน
เลี้ยงทุกวันปากกลางมิได้อดอยาก แล้วได้จัดของกินลงไปส่งที่เรือ
เช่นยังสิ้นได้เคยสมควรกับเมืองที่เป็นไมตรี ซึ่งของเครื่องกราบบรรณาการ
ในพระบรมมหาราชวัง ปืนเกลี้ยงหุ้มทองบอกหนึ่ง ปืนปรีเมงบ
บอกหนึ่ง กระจกรูปเรไสท์เดนสองบาน กระจกเงาใหญ่คู่หนึ่ง
นิกเกิลรไสกบสองหีบ ๆ ละสำรับ สมุดสิบเล่ม หากแผนที่
สิบสองแผน ร่ายักษ์ทองเหลืองคู่หนึ่ง ในพระบรมราชวัง :
กระจกรูปเรไสท์เดนสองบาน แผนที่บันเมืองต่าง ๆ หกแผน
กระจกเงาใหญ่บานหนึ่ง เครื่องไฟท์สำรับหนึ่ง ปืนพกไรฟก
แบปบอกหนึ่ง ปืนมือเสือหีบหนึ่ง เครื่องปืนสี่ห่อ :

หนังสือเรื่องต่าง ๆ สิบเล่ม แผนที่เมืองอเมริกาแผนหนึ่ง
นี้ไปประกให้เจ้าพนักงานได้รับไว้ไทยทางไมตรี แล้วได้เรียน
หนังสือเปนอักษรไทยฉบับหนึ่ง อักษรอเมริกันฉบับหนึ่ง
เรื่องความต่างกัน หนังสือมาณวันเสาร์เดือนหกแรมสิบสองค่ำ
ปีมโรงนักษัตรอัฐศก ศักราช ๑๒๑๘ ๚ะ ๚ะ

Rec'd 17 Septr.

No 6.

Confidential

United States Steam Frigate San Jacinto,
in the China Seas, bound to
Hongkong, June 4th, 1856.

Sir,

There are some particulars concerning Siam, that I think should be communicated to you, while I know that the publication of them, in the United States, would inflict some injury on our interests in Siam. For the King is eager to procure everything that is published regarding Siam and quite as thin skinned on the subject as we are said to be in analogous ones.

I.

To the Honourable Wm L. Marcy,
Secretary of State
Washington
D. C.

It is very possible I may overrate the importance of what I have to communicate, but I think I can form a just opinion of the injury a publication of this letter, would cause to our interests in Siam.

You will have observed, the delay that took place in the course of my mission, from the date of my arrival up to the appointment of Commissioners to treat with me.

One cause of the delay, arose from an uncertainty in the mind of the King, as to the footing, on which my mission was to be placed.

He had just gone through a grand ceremony of receiving an autographic letter from the Queen of Great Britain, which was followed by the reception of a large number of presents, at first he was decidedly disposed to making a palpable difference

between the mission of the President of a republic and the regal head of a mighty empire. At last it was settled that I should come up to Bangkok "with all the honors", and my audience, the manner of presenting the President's letter, and the ceremonial to be observed thereon was left for future decision. This accounts for the eight days delay between my arrival at the Bar and my arrival at Bangkok. In the mean-time, some good-natured persons, not Americans, had informed the Siamese, that the President had no higher title than that of Excellency and that consequently he had no higher rank, than an English admiral, Governor or Envoy. For the title of "Your Excellency" is freely bestowed here on persons holding those ranks. At last Prince Krom Hluang, brother of the King, applied to me for the style of address, used in writing to the

President.

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President, pretending it was wanted by the King and that he might write to the President. I was fully aware of his object, and informed him that we had no titles of rank in the United States, that such individuals, as were honored with an office, took the titles of that office; that we considered the office of President of the United States, as the most exalted on earth, and that to place any title before it, would in our eyes degrade it, that the high officers of government in writing to him, addressed their letters "To the President" or "to the President of the United States. I then showed him my full power wherein it was headed "Franklin Pierce, president of the United States". This settled the whole matter; and it was concluded that my reception should be the same as that of the English Envoy Sir John Bowring and

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that I should deliver the letter of the President into the hands of the King. This folly occupied nine days. The delay of fifteen days in appointing the commissioners, arose from the peculiar habits of the King. He is pedantic almost beyond belief, and squanders a great deal of time in the most trifling pursuits, indeed I fancied I could trace a strong resemblance between him and James the first of England, whom the great Sully called the most learned fool in Christendom: After some twenty years spent in the rigid celibacy of the Priesthood, the King gives up a large portion of his time to voluptuous pleasures and his self-indulgence appears to be growing rapidly on him. It often occurs that his Nobles come to the morning audience at 8 o'clock and remain there until 5, 6, or 7 o'clock, in the evening, prostrate on the floor of the audience-hall, without

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ever seeing the King, but knowing he is undulging himself in a manner equally repugnant to decency, and the laws of his Religion, of which he was a stern supporter, while in the Priesthood.

These habits cause much discontent among his Ministers and Nobles, they speak openly and with no small contempt of him. Foremost among those, who are severe in their comments is the Prime-Minister. The family of this man is the most powerful in Siam and were the means of placing the King on the throne. It is believed that nothing, but the great popularity of the Second King, prevents the Prime-Minister from being the Warwick of Siam.

In my confidential interviews with the Ministers, they expressed both their fear and hatred of England. They read in the history of Burmah, the fate that probably awaits them, and which they consider only

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question of time.

They were most anxious to be taken under the protection of the United States, they plainly told me that if I would make a Treaty of Alliance, they would give us all we could ask, even to a monopoly of trade.

I pointed out to them, that their best security, would consist in opening the trade of Siam to all the world, that they should encourage the residence among them of Consular and Diplomatic Agents, that they should make themselves known to the world. That the fate of the neighbouring Powers, who had fallen under the yoke of the English, had been brought about by a system of exclusion, and that in their hour of trial, they had no sympathy expressed for them, for all the world was ignorant of them, that the ties that grow out of commercial intercourse were among the strongest known, and

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that Siam could easily create such interests, by making liberal Commercial Treaties. I warned them at the same time that having made a Treaty, good policy required a strict observance of it; that if they trifled with the provisions of a Treaty, which had been solemnly ratified, it might prove a very serious matter and bring on them incalculable injury.

I have fears, that they will not be able to withstand the temptations, to break the Treaties they have made, which are sure to arise from the fact, that the Kings and Nobles are all of them Merchant-Traders and therefore will be directly tempted to violate their Treaties.

Your

You will observe that in the letter, I wrote to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, I took the title of Envoy Plenipotentiary. I did this after mature reflexion and advice. I believed, that if I presented myself as Consul-General to Japan, it would originate a series of difficulties, that might defeat my Mission. I assure you, I assumed the queer coin, I found above quoted, solely for the purpose of aiding me in the execution of the duty, which the President had entrusted to me, and not from any feelings of vanity. The salute I received on leaving the Ship was carefully counted, and reported to the King; and I know, that when it was asserted to the King, that I was simply a Consul, that assertion was fully met by the statement, that I had received a salute of Seventeen guns on leaving the San Jacinto.

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I trust that this explanation will be satisfactory to the President and to yourself

I have the honor to be,
With sincere respect,
Your obedient Servant,
Townsend Harris

Recd 17 Septr.

No 7.

United States Steam Frigate San Jacinto
at sea in the China Sea, bound to
Hongkong June 5th, 1856.

Sir,

I have the honor to hand you
herewith a statement of the Export &
Import Trade of Bangkok, with the
weights, measures, and coins of the
Country and the Tonnage of the
port of Bangkok (numbered 11).

For this I am indebted to Mr.
David. C. King, an enterprising Ame.
rican Merchant, who has just esta.
blished himself in Bangkok.

The soil of Siam is exceeding.
ly fertile and it possesses all the produc.
tions of the Indian Archipelago & Tropical Asia.

To
The Honorable Wm L. Marcy
Secretary of State.
Washington.
D. C.

Its mines of Tin are the second source of supply to the commercial world, while Gold, Silver, Copper, and Coal, are found in abundance.

The main staples of Export from Siam at the present time are, Rice, Salt, Salt-fish, Sugar, Sapanwood, pepper & Tin.

The black pepper of Siam is of the best quality, and there is no doubt, that in a few years, it can furnish, all that may be required in the United States, and which is now obtained with so much risk from the Savage Malays of Sumatra, and for which they will only receive, that scarce coin, the old Spanish Carolus Dollar.

There are not in Siam, any Merchants, who are ready to buy a large quantity of Foreign produce, or who are ready to contract for the sale of Cargoes of the produce of the Country.

A ship going to Siam, with merchandise for sale, and expecting to procure a cargo by the returns, would prove a bad speculation, and ever a ship taking money to

purchase

purchase a cargo, will be compelled to wait a long time, to enable her to procure one.

For the present, the trade of Siam must be conducted on the plan adopted at Penang, Singapore & other places of similar importance in the East. A merchant must establish himself there, and be ready to buy in any quantity the produce of the country, as it may be offered for sale, and he must be prepared to sell his Imports in the same manner. He must point out to the natives what articles he wants, for the Country abounds in valuable staples, which are quite unknown to the natives, who are indolent, and ignorant of the value of many articles, which are rotting in the jungles about them.

There is plenty of Gutta Percha & Caoutchouc in Siam, but not one pound has ever been prepared for Export: there is a number of trees here, the bark of which will make capital paper, an immense number of oleaginous seeds and nuts are grown here. Teak timber is abundant, and of good quality.

Mr.

Mr King has ordered from the United States, three Steam-Engines for the purpose of driving Saw-mills, rice-mills and oil-mills, all of which must be immensely profitable, as labour is comparatively scarce, from the unwillingness of the people to work, and while a man's food costs less than two cents a day.

This example of Mr. King will no doubt be followed by others, and the resources of Siam soon developped.

I was informed that orders had gone to the United States for ten Steam-Engines, seven of which were for the natives.

I have the honor to be,
With sincere respect,
Your obedient Servant,
Townsend Harris

# List of Exports from the Port of Bangkok, Siam, for the year ending April the 30th, 1856, obtained from David B. Sing Esq. an American Merchant residing in Bangkok.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ivory | 600 | Peculs | $ 60. a 135. p. peul. |
| Gamboge | 500 | " | 17.- p. p. peul |
| Rhinoceros horns | 125 | " | 12.- " " |
| ditto Large | 15 | " | 10.- p. Catty |
| Cardamums best | 50 | " | 95.- " p. peul |
| ditto bastard | 3000 | " | 12.- " " |
| Dried Mussels | 3000 | " | 5.- " " |
| Pelican's Quills | 100 | " | 22.- " " |
| Betelnut dried | 3000 | " | 1.25 " " |
| Sharks fins white | 70 | " | 30.- " " |
| Sharks fins black | 40 | " | 12.- " " |
| Sticklac washed | 5000 | " | 60/100 " " |
| Peacock tails | 3000 | Tails | 45 p. 100 Tail |
| Buffalo Cowhorns | 4000 | Peculs | 60/100 " p. peul |
| Rhinoceros hides | 100 | " | 5.50 " " |
| Hide cuttings | 400 | " | 20/100 " " |
| Turtle Shells best | 3 | " | 6.- p. Catty |
| Soft ditto | 2 | " | 3.- " " |
| Fishmaws | 10 | " | 40 " peul |

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| Birds nests uncleand. | 200 Peculs | $30.- a 120 per pecul |
| Kingfisher's feathers | 100.000 feather | 24.- per 100 feather |
| Cutch | 30 peculs | 7.- " pecul |
| Pungdarai Seed | 300 " | 2.50 " " |
| Gum Benjamin | 500 " | 20.- " " |
| Agillawood | 30 " | 30 a 80 " " |
| Catskins | 400 " | 3 a 6 " " |
| Old deers horns | 2000 " | 3.50 " " |
| Soft & young d[itto] | 1000 " | 1.50 p. catty 30 p pecul. |
| Deerhides common | 400 " | 3 per pecul |
| Deer Sinews | 100 " | 14 " " |
| Buffalo Cowhides | 5000 " | 1.80 " " |
| Elephant's bones | 100 " | 4.50 " " |
| Tigers bones | 150 " | 22.- " " |
| Buffalo horns | 3000 " | 3.50 " " |
| Elephant's hides | 100 " | 2.- " " |
| Tigers skins | 200 skins | 1.80 " skin |
| Armadillo's skins | 300 peculs | 22.- " pecul |
| Leopard's skins | 300 Skins | 60/100 " Skin |
| Sticklac | 10,000 peculs | 4.50 " pecul |
| Hemp | 1.000 " | 7.- " " |
| Dried fish plaheng | 10,000 " | 2.50 " " |
| do plasalit | 15,000 " | 1.80 " " |
| Sapanwood | 200,000 " | 80/100 " " |
| Salt & dried meat | 2,000 " | 3.50 " " |
| Mangrove bark | 10.000 " | -.30/100 " " |

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|---|---|---|
| Rosewood. | 15,000 Peculs | $ .65/100 pr pecul |
| Rice | 6,000 koyan | 15.- " koyan |
| Teak timber | 300 planks | |
| Tin | 5000 pecuts | ba $20.- " pecul |
| Sugar white | 110,000 " | 4.- " " |
| do red | 80,000 " | 1.87 " " |
| Cotton clean | 15,000 " | 10.- " " |
| do uncleaned | 5,000 " | 3.- " " |
| Black pepper | 9,000 " | 6.50 " " |
| Salt Fish plain | 40,000 " | .60/100 " " |
| Beans & Peas | 30,000 " | .68/100 " " |
| Dried prawns | 500 " | 7.25 " " |
| Till Seed. | 40,000 " | .90/100 " " |
| Silk raw | 3.000 " | 90.- " " |
| Beeswax | 500 " | 17.- " " |
| Tallow | 200 " | 7.- " " |
| Salt | 20,000 koyan | 4. " koyan |
| Tobacco | 2.000 pecuts | 8. a 11 " pecul. |
| Cocoanut oil | 15,000 " | 5.45 " " |

There is produced in the Malayan provinces of Siam about 80,000 peculs of Tin valued at about $25 per pecul, which is exported from the ports in the bay of Bengal and Straights of Malacca.

Nearly all the "Straights Tin" which goes

goes to the United States is pro-
cured from this source.

## Imports.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| White Shirtings | 1,000 Bales | @ 40 p. | = 2.40 p. piece |
| Grey do. | 3,000 " | " 40. | " 1.85 " |
| Printed Sarongs | 600,000. " | | 85/100 " |
| Am. Drills | 500 " | " 30. | 1.95 " |
| Cotton yarn | 3,000 " | " 3 picul | 30.— " picul |
| Woollens | 500. all in small demand & only sold to go north. | | |
| Iron bar | 3,000 Pcls | | 4.25 |
| Muskets | 3,000 — | | 2.50 each. |

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The peculis 100 Cattijes
The Catty is 1⅓ ℔ avirdupois
The Coyan of Rice is 25 peculs
" do. Salt " 125 bushels

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## Siamese Currency.

25 Cowries (shells) make 1 Li
10 Lis " 1 Hun
5 Hun " 1 Fuang
2 Fuang " 1 Salung
4 Salungs " 1 Tical
The value of the Tical is nearly
60¢ American Currency.
The value of pure gold is as 9 to 1 Silv

# Tonnage of Siam.

owned by Siamese

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 8 | Ships & Barques Tonnage about | 3,400 |
| 7 | Schns & Luggers " | 1,000 |
| 3 | Briggs. | 350 |
| 18 | | 4,750 |

owned by Chinese

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 6 | Ships & Barques | 2,800 |
| 1 | Brigg | 160 |
| 10 | Junks | 5,000 |
| 8 | Luggers | 2,200 |
| 25 / 18 | 43 vessels | 15,010 |

Rec'd 17th Sept.

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United States Steam Frigate San Jacinto,
at sea in the China Seas, bound to
Hong Kong June 6th, 1856.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you
that, on the 30th of May, the day after
signing the Treaty with Siam, I ap-
pointed Mr. Stephen Mattoon, a native of
the State of New York, as United States
Consul for the Kingdom of Siam, to
reside at Bangkok.
As the Treaty was to go into effect,
from its date, I felt the importance of
having a recognized Agent of the Govern-
ment of the United States to watch over
the interests of the American Citi-
zens residing in Siam, who number
some

To the Honorable Wm. L. Marcy
Secretary of State.
Washington
D. C.

Some twenty adult Persons of various avocations, as well as to prevent infractions of the Treaty, which in the absence of a Consul, would no doubt have occurred.

Mr. Mattoon has resided in Siam as an American Missionary, nearly ten years; he speaks and writes Siamese like a well educated native of the country; and possesses the respect of the Sovereigns and Nobles of Siam; his unvarying probity and truthfulness are proverbial and any statement made by him is at once received as undoubted fact.

All the Commissioners to make the Treaty recommended him strongly to me, they said he understood their language, laws and customs, was of a mild temper, and earnestly request, that he might be appointed as Consul, expressing a fear, that if a person unacquainted with the language & Customs should be appointed, that trouble would arise.

I fully agree with them, as to the pre-

requisites

requisites, possessed by Mr. Mattoon for the place, and the strength of their arguments.

I understand from him, that should his appointment be confirmed by the President, and an adequate salary given, he would sever his connexion with the Missionary Society and act solely as Consul. In thus deciding he is warranted by the example of Dr Parker in China, and many other Missionaries in various parts of the world, who have adopted a similar course.

The salary of a Consul for Siam, who by the Treaty has to exercise judicial powers, should be sufficient to support him, without requiring a resort to trade.

The sum required at Bangkok for this purpose would be from $2500. to $3000. House rent is very dear at Bangkok, and a proper house for a Consular residence cannot be obtained.

A good building site could be procured, and a proper building erected, for a sum not exceeding $6000. and if such a Consular residence should be built by the Government,

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I am of opinion that $2000. per annum would be an adequate salary. You will perceive that the difference of salary would relinquish the cost of the Consular residence within ten years. I would add that both the Portuguese and English possess Consular residences at Bangkok, the latter nation having lately a house at $600. per annum, until they can build.

It is unnecessary for me to point out to you, the action of Congress, which is required, in order to enable the Consul, to exercise the judicial functions required by the Treaty.

I hand you herewith Copy Copy of the Commission given to Mr. Matton, (numbered 12), and also Copy of letter to the Minister of Foreign affairs, announcing his appointment (numbered 13).

At my audience of leave with both the Kings, they referred to Mr. Matton's appointment, and expressed their satisfaction thereat.

I have the honor to be,
With sincere respect,
Your obedient Servant,
Townsend Harris

List of Enclosures
No. 1. Copy of commission to Mr. Matton
" 2. " letter to minister of foreign affairs

Copy

Legation of the United States of America
to Siam.

To all, who shall see, these pre-
sents, Greeting

Know ye, that reposing
special trust and confidence in
the abilities and integrity of Stephen
Mattoon, of the State of New-York, now
a resident at Bangkok, in Siam,
I do appoint him Consul for the
United States of America for the
Kingdom of Siam, to reside at
Bangkok, and do authorize and em-
power him to have and to hold the
said Office, and to exercise and en-
joy all the rights, pre-eminences,
privileges and authorities to the
same right appertaining, during
the pleasure of the President of the
United-States and no longer, he

demanding

demanding and receiving no fees or perquisites of office whatever, which shall not be expressly established by some law of the United States.

And I do hereby enjoin all Captains, Masters and Commanders of ships and other vessels, armed or unarmed sailing under the Flag of the United States, as well as all other of their Citizens to acknowledge and consider him, the said Stephen Mattoon, accordingly.

And I do hereby pray and request their Majesties the first and second Kings of Siam, to permit the said Stephen Mattoon, fully and peaceably to enjoy and exercise the said office, without giving or suffering to be given unto him any molestation or trouble, but on the contrary to afford to him all proper countenance and assistance in accordance with the Treaty Stipulations, existing between Siam and the United States.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto

unto set my hand and seal, at the residence of the Legation, at the City of Bangkok, on the thirtieth day of May, in the year, one thousand eight hundred & fifty six of the Christian Era and of the independance of the United States the eighteenth.

(L.S.) /Signed/ Townsend Harris

Envoy Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Siam and American Consul-General for the empire of Japan.

Copy.

United States Legation to Siam
Bangkok May 30th, 1856.

To
His Excellency the Minister for
Foreign Affairs.

I have the honor to announce to your Excellency, that I have appointed the Reverend Stephen Mattoon, a citizen of the United States and now a resident of Bangkok as Consul for the United States of America, and to request your Excellency that he may be properly recognised in that Character.
I have also to request that your Excellency will cause Mr. Mattoon to be duly respected, to give full credit, to what he shall represent from his Government, and to extend to him such privileges and courtesies, as are usually accorded

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to Consuls in other parts of the world, as well as all these powers conferred to the Consul of the United States, by the late happy Treaty of Amity and Commerce between the two Countries.
I avail myself with pleasure of this occasion, to renew to your Excellency, the assurance of my most distinguished consideration.

/Signed/ Townsend Harris.

Envoy Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Siam and American Consul-General for the Empire of Japan.

Enclosure No. 13
to Letter No. 8.

Townsend Harris, Consul Gen.l
at Japan

Hong Kong, July 2d 1856.

I have been favored by Sir John Bowring, Governor of this Colony, with an authentic Copy, in French, of the late Convention, entered into, between the Government of Holland and Japan, and transmit herewith a translation of the same.

You will note, that by this Convention, the dutch have acquired the right, to purchase Real. estate, (involving the right of permanent residence,) and that the dutch residing in Japan, are to be governed, by dutch laws, administered by dutch officials.

I am informed, that a Secret article exists, by which the dutch trade to Japan, is largely increased, and that the orders sent from Japan, for their trade this Year, amount to Six Millions of Florins, or about $2.400.000 —

# Convention

Concluded the 9th of November 1855 in the Government house between John Henry Donker Curtius Esqr. dutch Commissioner to Japan, knight of the dutch Lion, plenipotentiary extraordinary of H. M. the King of the Netherlands & Arawo, Iwamino, Kami, Kawa, Mocca, Ise, Sinono, Kami, governors of Nangasaki and Asano Ikaki, Imperial Inspector at Nangasaki —

Article I. From the 1st of December 1855 the Hollanders will enjoy forever, Complete personal liberty —

They will consequently have the right to leave Decima, Without being subject to any Surveilance Whatever, as this has been the case until now, and by Special authorisation.

Article II. Should a dutch subject commit an Offence against a Japanese law, it will be reported to the Chief of the dutch Factory, in order that he may furnish the delinquent, through his intervention, according to the dutch Laws —

Article III. Should a Japanese subject maltreat a dutch subject, the dutch Commissioner to Japan, will make the Japanese authority Cognizant of the case, who will investigate the same, and punish the offender, according to the laws of the Empire —

Article IV. Should the Japanese government open one or several Ports to one or several foreign Nations, the same favor shall be granted to the Netherlands

Article V. Should an officer or a Seaman or a person belonging to the Royal Dutch Navy or army, die in Japan, the burial will be attended with the Military Solemnity, until this day in use in the Netherlands. Salutes of musketry as well as Salutes of Artillery, may be fired on board the dutch men of War —

Article VI. Dutch Merchantmen, going to Nangasaki, will, on their approaching the Coast, hoist beside the National ensigh, another particular flag now in use, men of War excepted —

Article VII. The two flags having been seen by the Watchmen of the Island, of Iwosima, they will acknowledge the same by hoisting the dutch flag, as now in practice with men of War —

Article VIII. But the dutch men of War or Merchantmen, Will, as formerly, have to anchor behind the place called Papenberg (Papists' Mount) ——

Article IX. When the Governor of Nangasaki, Who will immediately send an Officer and an attaché to the dutch factory, to Decima, has made out the nationality of the Vessels, the latter may enter the harbour, either Sailing, Steaming or towed by Japanese boats, Without their being to give Hostages ——

Article X. The Vessels' Crew may Communicate With the other dutch Vessels, and With the Island of Decima, in boats, and go in the same, round the bay, for the sake of their health, it being understood, that the Crew of dutch Vessels cannot avail themselves of this, Without having a Captain or mate in the boat, and may of course only land at the Waterpoort of Decima, Any Communication With the Crews of Japanese Vessels, is Strictly forbidden. The above-mentioned boats, have to Carry the dutch ensign, in order to be known ——

Article XI. The boats in question are not allowed to land at any other place, than the one called Waterpoort, mentioned in the preceding Article —

Article XII. With the exception of the outer Wall, the guardhouses and the public buildings, all the dwelling and Warehouses of Decima shall be sold to the dutch factory, through the medium of the governor of Nangasaki, and the ground of Desima, will be let to the dutch, the Whole being placed under the administration of the Chief of the dutch factory, and maintained, at the expence of the same ——

Article XIII. As to reparation, Construction, demolition of Ware or Dwelling-Houses, or Changements or ameliorations to the same, the factory has the Option, to take Japanese Mechanics, and Materials of the Country, payable With Kambang-Money, Each time before such Works are undertaken, they have to be reported to the governor of Nan-gasaki —

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Article XIV. Dutch subject, permanently established at Desima, have the privilege of making excursions in the bay, in dutch or Japanese boats, but are not allowed to anchor any where. They may likewise fish in the bay, if the state of their health should require it. Said boat, in order to be known, have to carry the dutch flag —

Article XV. The keys of the gate, called Waterpoort, will be exclusively confided to the care of the dutch Chief at desima —

Article XVI. The Keys of the gate, called Land-poort, will be confided to the care of the Japanese officer, on duty at the gate —

Article XVII. With the exception of the master, the crews of the dutch Merchantmen, Will have to submit to the search of their person, as in practice now, at their arrival at the Landpoort, Desima, and at their return. No search Whatever shall be made at the Waterpoort, nor on board dutch Vessels —

Article XVIII. The search of Merchandise, Will only take place, at their being imported into Japan, from Desima, as has been in use till the present day; but no search Will be made of Merchandise, unloaded from Vessels, at Desima, neither of those transferred from Vessels at Desima, to other dutch Vessels.

Measures of precaution Will be taken against fraud —

Article XIX. During the stay of dutch Merchantmen in the port of Nangasaki, a Japanese officer Will have to be at Desima, to maintain order among the Roelis and other inhabitants of Japan, at Desima, as in use now —

Article XX. Commercial busines in general, Will continue to be transacted as heretofore. The Keys of the Warehouses, containing Merchandise, Will be confi-ded to the care of the chief employee (dutch), living at Desima. — No Imperial Seals Will be appended to these Warehouses —

Article XXI. Every Japanese,

Who

Who has been duly authorized, accor-
=ding to the laws of the Empire, Will
be admitted in to Desima —

Article XXII. When Meeting at
Nangasaki, the Compliments and Recep-
=tion by the Japanese are made, accor-
=ding to their Customs; and by the dutch,
according to theirs —

Article XXIII. Dutch subjects,
residing at Desima, may send letters,
by Chinese junks, or Vessels of other
Nations —

Article XXIV. Dutch subjects
may freely correspond, With Captains
of Vessels or Squadrons of Foreign
Nations, on a friendly footing With
Japan, staying in the bay of
Nangasaki —

Article XXV. The parades
on board of dutch Merchantmen,
have to take place at the time of
their arrival and Sailing, and not
at Desima —

Article XXVI. Dutch Merch-
=antmen may keep their gunpowder,
arms, and guns on board —

Article XXVII. The usual presents for his Majesty, the Emperor and the great dignitaries of the realm, and the annual tassaks, will remain on the same footing. No Change Whatever shall be made, in the way business is transacted now with the factory. If later, modifications will be deemed necessary, either from the part of the Japanese authorities or from the dutch, they will be taken into Con-=sideration and adjusted, With the mutual consent of the governor of Nangasaki, and the dutch Commis-=sioner ——

Article XXVIII. Whenever any thing requires any adjustment, it will be taken into serious consideration, by the Gover-=ors of Nangasaki, and the dutch Commissioner. All the unpleasant dispositions towards the dutch, have to be done away with, as much as possible —.

Article XXIX. As soon as a definitive Treaty has been Concluded between the Netherlands and Japan, the

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present Convention will cease to remain in force. But in the case of Such a Treaty not being Concluded in a Short time, the present Convention, will continue to remain in force, at the condition of being Submitted to the Ratification of H.M. the King of the Netherlands, and of H.M. the Emperor of Japan.

The acts of Ratification, Signed by the high Functionaries, duly author=ized by the two high parties, to be exchanged at Nangasaki, before the expiration of Two Years, from the date of the Signing of the present Convention —

All the dispositions of the present Convention, will go immediately into effect, with the exception of the one, mentioned in the 1st Article, Which Will enter into effect on the 1st of December 1855, and the articles 9. 12. 13. 14. 18. 20 & 26, the 1st of January 1856.

In faith of which, We John, Henry, Donker Curtius, Esqr. dutch Commis=sioner to Japan, Knight of the order of the dutch Lion, and plenipotentiary

Extraordinary of H. M. the King of the Netherlands, and Araiwo, Iwamoino, Kami Kawa, Moera, Isaesisno, Kami, Governors of Nangasaki and Asano, Ikakf, Imperial Inspector at Nangasaki, have signed the present Convention, and affixed to it the seals of our arms.

Made in duplicate in the City of Nangasaki, November 9th of the Year of grace 1855.

(Signed) J. H. Donker Curtius

Araiwo, Iwamoino, Kami,

Kawa, Moera Isaesisnono Kami

Asano Ikakf

Recd 17. Septr. Mr Chilton

No. 10.

United States Steam Frigate San Jacinto.
Hongkong July 3d, 1856.

Sir,

I have the honor to hand you herewith my accounts of disbursements under the following heads.

1st For presents for the King of Siam, of which a balance of $2008. 17/100 remains in my hands.

2d Contingent Expenses for the Mission to Siam, of which a balance of $348. 72/100 remains in my hands.

3d For the Salary of an Interpreter in Japan, of which a balance of $523. 71/100 remains

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Secretary of State.
Washington.
D. C.

remains in my hands.
Vouchers for all these expenditures,
(except some very small items for
boat hire &c.) are transmitted with
the accounts.
I beg to call your attention to the
fact, that the charge of loss on exchan-
ge has but <u>one voucher for the three</u>
<u>accounts</u>, for the reason that the
money was taken in one bill, for the
aggregate balance of the three accounts,
and the same was sold in one bill at
Penang. You will please therefore refer
to the voucher of Messrs Rowley & Co. of
Penang, when the item occurs in
either of the accounts.
The large balance unexpended for
presents, requires an explanation. I
was assisted by Doctor House, long
a resident in Siam, in the selec-
tion of the presents, and purchased
every thing he recommended, except
agricultural implements and other
bulky articles, which it was impossible
to find room for in the San Jacinto,
and even what I did send on board
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caused much inconvenience. In selecting the presents, I desired to send such articles, as would be useful and show the advancement of manufactures in the United States, and all the presents were either in whole or in part of our own manufacture.

I was informed that both the Kings had large quantities of ornamental, but useless articles; and I was much gratified in hearing the praise bestowed on the presents by both the Kings, not only for their intrinsic merits, but from the fact, that they were not useless toys.

I hoped to be able, to select some articles from the great exhibition in Paris, but I found that the English had selected every thing, I should have selected, for their presents to the Kings of Siam.

Against the balance of $348.$\frac{72}{100}$ of the Contingent expenses, there is outstanding, the expenses of shipping the presents for the President, and for the purchase of two barrels of flour, which

which I procured from the stores of the San Jacinto, at Bangkok, with the understanding that I would replace it, on our arrival in China. This flour was procured for the purpose of making bread for my suite, while at Bangkok, as the Siamese do not use bread, consequently they could not supply us, with this prime necessary of life.

I beg to call your attention to the situation of Mr. Heusken, the Interpreter for Japan. I engaged him in the latter part of September (I think), and he left his employment in New York, about the 1st of October. It was understood by him, that his salary would not begin, until his arrival in Japan, but neither he or I, then expected to reach Japan later than the month of March, as it is, he will not arrive there, before the 20th or 25th of July. He has acted as my Secretary, since I joined the ship at

at Penang, and was laborious by employed, while at Bangkok, in discharging such duty.

I would also beg, to call your attention to the fact, that altho' he does not pay any passage-money, yet from the great length of the passage, from New York to Japan, his mess-bill alone, will amount to as large a sum, as he would have paid for a first-class passage in a merchantship.

I respectfully submit to you, the propriety and justice of my commencing the payment of the Salary of Mr. Heusken, from the 1st. of March last.

I do not send you, my accounts for disbursements, made on account of the "Japan Contingent", as save the purchase of an iron chest, & some small supplies of Stationary, made in New York, and under the approval of the Department, no disbursements have been made.

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I have the honor to be,
With sincere respect,
Your Obedient Servant,

Townsend Harris

Rec'd. Oct.

No. 11.

United States Steam Frigate San Jacinto
Hong kong July 8th, 1856.

Sir,

I have the honor to hand you herewith Duplicate of the Treaty, negociated with the Kingdom of Siam, and also duplicate of my dispatches to you Nos. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10.

I have the honor to be
with sincere respect
Your obedient Servant

Townsend Harris

To the Honorable W. L. Marcy
Secretary of State
Washington
D. C.

Rec'd 17th Septr. Mr Marcy

No 12

United States Steam Frigate San Jacinto
Hong kong July 8th 1856

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose a copy of a letter written by me to the Collector of the Port of New York, concerning the Cases of presents for the President from the Second King of Siam.

I am informed that the San Jacinto will leave for Simoda to morrow.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your obedient Servant
Townsend Harris

To the Honorable Wm. L. Marcy
Secretary of State
Washington
D. C.

See over

**Shipped,** in good order and well conditioned, by **ARMSTRONG & LAWRENCE,**

in and upon the good Ship or Vessel called the Redgauntlet

whereof is Master for this present Voyage, Andrews

and now riding at Anchor in the HARBOR of HONGKONG, and bound for New York

Presented to the President of the United States, by the second King of Siam

(4) Four Cases Merchandize

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being marked and numbered as in the Margin; and are to be delivered in the like good order and well conditioned,

at the aforesaid Port of New York

*(the Act of God, Fire, and all and every other Dangers and Accidents of the Seas, Rivers, and Navigation, of what nature or kind soever, excepted)*

unto The Collector of the Port of New York

or to his Assigns. FREIGHT for the said payable thereon

at 75 cts per Foot

with Primage and Average accustomed. In Witness whereof, the Master of the said Ship hath affirmed to Five Bills of Lading, all of this Tenor and Date; One of which being accomplished, the others to stand void.

Dated in HONGKONG, 3rd July 1856

CONTENTS UNKNOWN

Thomas Andrews

Measurement

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United States Steam Frigate San Jacinto
Hong kong July 8th, 1856.

Sir,

I beg to hand you herewith a Bill of Lading, for the ship Redgauntlet, for four cases containing presents, for the President of the United States, from the Second King of Siam.

On the arrival of the Redgauntlet at New York, you will please inform the Secretary of State, for the United States, of the fact, and he will direct what is to be done, with the Packages, above referred to.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your obedient Servant.
[Signed] Townsend Harris

H. Redfield Esq.
Collector of the port of New York

Rec'd 17 Septr. Mr Marcoe.

N°. 13.

United States Frigate San Jacinto
Hong kong Harbour July 10th 1856.

Sir,

I regret to inform you, that the San Jacinto will be detained here for some days, if not weeks, in consequence of further repairs being required.

She started this morning at 5 a.m. for Japan, but only proceeded one mile, when she was compelled to stop.

There is no other U. S. ship in this harbour, or I would apply to be transferred to her.

I deeply regret this delay, which

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Washington
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which will probably delay my arival at Simoda until late in August.

I shall avail myself of the first feasible opportunity, that may offer for a passage to Japan, without waiting for the San. Jacinto.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Your obedient Servant,
Townsend Harris

Rec. 30. Oct. Mr Marcy

No. 14.

Hongkong August 9th, 1856

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you, that the repairs on the San. Jacinto having been completed on the 2nd inst, She came out of Dock at Whampoa, on that date.

Before going into Dock, she had to be lightened of her Coals, Shot, water &c, and since she came out, she has been receiving the Coals on board again.

I expect the Frigate to come down the River to day, and that she will again be ready for Sea, about the 12th inst. and that I shall again start for Japan

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Secretary of State,
Washington
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on that date.

I earnestly hope, that my next dispatch to you, will be dated at Simoda, and that I shall be able to inform you, that I have entered on the duties of my office.

I have the honor to be,

With sincere respect,
Your obedient Servant
Townsend Harris

P.S. The Dutch Government Steamer, the Medusa, left here a few days ago for Nangasaki, Japan.
She is supposed to carry with her the ratified Convention, made in December last, of which I had the honor to send you a translation

Mr Chew will please preserve this Memorandum.

Note

—— " —— Washington May 13th 1854

Mr Reed who with his family and others, went to Japan in order to establish a mercantile house for the supply of whalers resorting to waters in the vicinity of that Empire gave a note for the sum of two thousand dollars to the Governor of Simoda — to be repaid upon his return for another Cargo —

Mr Reed not having enough money to pay for his Japan ware bought in the town of Simoda borrowed it from the Governor and gave his note for the amount —

Should this money have been repaid an enquiry by Mr Davis into the circumstance will have a good effect — It will show at once how Consuls may be useful to them —

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to first impressions, it should not b
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be directed to pay the sum, to Sch
the Note and send it home fo
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— From a News paper Interview
published in San Francisco in
December last I think, it appear
that the Money had not then be
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Very respectfully —

J. [illegible] Early
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Recd 2nd Jany. Mr Marcy

No. 15.

United States Consulate General
Simoda, Japan September 8th 1856

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you, that I arrived at this place, on the 21st Ult: after a pleasant passage of nine days from Hongkong.

Soon after the ship anchored, a party of Government Officials came on board, and congratulated me on my arrival &c, and on their leaving, I gave to them your letter to the Japanese Minister of Foreign Affairs, with a letter which I had written to him, announcing my arrival at Simoda.

The letters, I requested should be handed to the Governor of Simoda,

to

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Secretary of State
Washington
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to whom I wrote, announcing my arrival here as Consul General of the United-States for the Empire of Japan, and desired him, to forward the two letters addressed to the Minister of Foreign Affairs in Yedo, as soon as possible; both translations of all the letters, transmitted with the originals.

In the afternoon, the Official again came on board, to arrange for my visit to the Governor, which was fixed for the next day (Friday).

Early on Friday morning the official came off, and informed me that the Governor was quite unwell, and would be unable to receive me on that day; I do not deem it necessary, to repeat at large the conversation, that passed at this, and at two subsequent visits on this day, but simply give you the substance and result.

It was soon apparent, that the Governor did not wish to receive a visit from me, in my official character, and that he wanted to avoid any recognition of it. It was proposed, that I should postpone my

visit, until Commodore Armstrong (who was indisposed) should be well enough to accompany me. After consulting with Commodore Armstrong, I informed the officials, that Commodore Armstrong would not visit the Governor until I paid my visit, nor would he go on shore until I had been honorably received by the Governor, at length on Saturday afternoon, it was arranged, that the Governor would receive me on Monday the 25th of August at 1 P. M.

On that day I landed attended by Captain Bell and 11 other officers of the ship, and was saluted by the ship as I left.

The Governor received me at the Goyoshi, a building specially erected, for the transaction of Public Business, and situated at the South-west side of the Town.

The Governor received me very politely, and asked after my health, length of time I had been on my passage

passage, and other questions of mere form, after which refreshments were served to us, nothing relating to business took place, except that the next morning was fixed on for an interview with the Governor or Vice Governor.

They inquired particularly about the Salute, and in whose honor it was fired, and were told by Captain Bell, that it was fired in honor of my Office of Consul General.

The Salute, and large suite, that attended me, evidently produced a great effect on the Japanese, and I feel it is due to Commodore Armstrong to say, that he has done every thing in his power, to cause me to be respected, in my official capacity by the Japanese.

On Tuesday morning I went to the Goyoshi, attended by Mr. Heusken, the Dutch Interpreter, and found the Vice-Governor, with some 12 Officials, awaiting my arrival.

I opened my business, by asking if any house had been assigned to

to me, for my residence &c.
This question began a conversation, that lasted nearly four hours and its substance is contained in the following statements or propositions, which were made and repeated time and again, although each one of them had been fully discussed, and answered as they came up.
They said.
1st. They did not expect a Consul would be sent until after further negociations.
2d. They considered a Consul would be sent when any difficulty arose, that nothing had occurred, to require the presence of one.
3d. The additional Articles of the Treaty, had not been ratified, therefore the Treaty was incomplete.
4th. That a Consul could only be sent by the consent of the Governments of both Nations.
5th. Simoda had been quite destroyed by an Earthquake in December, 1854, and had not yet recovered from it, that it was a poor place, and quite unable to support a Consul (ie furnish food & shelter to him).
6th. They urged me to go away for a year or two, and by that time, hoped to have

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a house ready for me.

7th After all the foregoing had been answered and rejected, they proposed that I should land in an unofficial manner, and take up my residence at Sakiza, Hi, until their Government could negociate on the matter of my final reception.

I closed the discussion, by requesting them, to give me an answer to two questions,

1st Would the Japanese Authorities receive me in my Official Capacity?

2d Would they assign a building in which I could reside?

The Vice Governor requested time to consult with the Governor and appointed to meet me the next day, Wednesday 27th of August. I went on shore at Ten in the morning and at the Goyoshi only found the Chief Interpreter and seven or eight officials. One of the latter informed me the Governor had been so ill, that they were not able to consult with him, he then proceeded to repeat the seven propositions of the previous day, when I begged to be informed

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where the Vice-Governor was, I was answered, that he was with the Governor. I then informed them, that I must decline entering into any discussions with them; that I was there by the special request of the Vice-Governor to meet him, that his absence was not even apologised for, that I thought such conduct uncourteous to me; they eagerly insisted they had full authority to act, and that their rank was equal to that of the Vice Governor; I courteously declined any discussion on the point, and closed the business by informing them, that I desired, a written answer to my two questions should be sent to me on board the Frigate, not later than noon of the next day.

To a request that I would come to the Goyoshi the next day and meet the Vice-Governor, I answered that as the Vice Governor had broken an appointment, made by himself, I could have no assurance, he would keep one, that was made for him by them and therefore declined.

On the next morning, at a very early

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hour, the Vice-Governor, and a very large Suite, came on board, and began to apologise for his absence, yesterday, by saying that the Chief Interpreter was in fact of higher rank than himself, that he was connected with the Office of Foreign Affairs, and that he had full powers to act in my matters. He then proceeded to say, that he had orders from Jedo, to treat me with all possible respect, and to recognise my official rank, and to assign me a temporary residence at the Temple of Tockosend in Kakizaki, a village across the Bay from Simoda, and about one mile distant. I replied, that by the Treaty the Consul was to reside at Simoda, and that my instructions also required me to reside there, that there was a number of Temples in Simoda, one of which certainly could be given to me as a temporary residence; that I was not particular, but would be satisfied with anything that would shelter me, adding that I was willing to pay a just rent for any place they would give me.

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The Vice-Governor replied, that Kakizaki was in fact Simoda, that it had the same Governor, Magistrates, Police, Laws and prisons, that the name was a local one, to designate it as a Suburb of Simoda, that it was beyond their power to designate any other place for me at present, that the Temples of Simoda were all occupied and used for Religious purposes daily, that to drive out the Priest and remove their altars, would be a gross outrage on the feelings of the People &c. That the Temple at Kakizaki, was a different matter. It was erected for the special purpose of Religious Festivals, & the accomodation of Strangers coming to Simoda. That they were anxious to observe the Treaty strictly, that if I refused to accept the Temple at Kakizaki as my temporary residence, the responsibility would rest on me, and not on them.
On reflection, I saw the business had now assumed the form of a private matter, relating to my accomodation merely, and being most anxious to

discharge

discharge, the trust placed in my hands, I resolved to admit their assertion, that Kakizaki was in fact a part of Simoda; I hope you will approve of this part of my conduct.

My acceptance evidently gave the Japanese great satisfaction, and they made arrangements for boats to come off for my luggage &c., and also promised to furnish me spars, out of which to construct my Flag-staff.

On the 30th of August, a message was sent to me from the Governor, requesting me to meet him at the Goyoshi, on Monday the 1st of September, and also that Commodore Armstrong would accompany me, if well enough, both of the invitations were accepted.

During the day I learned, that there are two Governors and two Vice-Governors of Simoda, that they reside here alternately for six months, passing the other half of the year at Jedo. I also was informed

informed that the relief Governor from Jedo would be here on Sunday and that he would be present at the Goyoshi on monday next.
On monday the 1st Inst. I went on shore with Commodore Armstrong and a suite of Officers, and found the new Governor at the Goyoshi, as I had been led to expect.
After the usual civil enquiries after our health, I was asked what was the object of my government in sending me to Japan? I answered that I knew of no object beyond the usual one among civilized Nations. ie., to protect their Citizens, engaged in Commercial and maritime pursuits. I was asked if I should go to Hakodade? I replied that would depend on circumstances, that at present I have no time fixed for making a visit to that place. They then received the old seven objections and ended by asking me to go away, and on declining to do so, they appealed to Commodore Armstrong

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Armstrong, to know if he had no power to take me away again, and if he would not do so, to write to his Government the reasons, why the Japanese Government refused to receive me?
The Commodore answered, that he was a military man acting under orders, that he had been ordered to bring the Consul-General to Simoda and to land him there, that he could not write to his Government, as they requested. They then asked him, if he would forward a letter from them to his Government, containing their reasons for refusing to receive me?
The Commodore replied, that he could not take any letters, that did not come through the Consul-General &c.
Refreshments were here served, after which the Commodore and his suite left, I remained with Mr. Heusken to see the end of this most extraordinary affair.
On resuming our business, they apologised for giving so much trouble

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by such long discussions, that it was all
new to them, and they had every thing
to learn, that they were anxious to keep
the Treaty &c. &c, and that they did not
mean any disrespect to me, by wishing
me to leave, but they had opened Simo.
da to the Dutch and Russians, and
the moment, those Powers knew, I
was residing at Simoda, they also
would send Consuls, that Simoda
was a poor small place, and could
not support so many Foreigners.
I told them Simoda was not a place
of our selecting, that Commodore
Perry desired to have Uraga, but
the Japanese had insisted on Simoda,
that I was ready to negociate with them,
for the removing the Consulate to
another Port &c. &c.
I was then asked, if I would for.
ward a letter from them to you,
I informed them, that I would for.
ward any letters, that they might
give me, but they must not expect
an answer, to a letter, from the Go.
vernor of Simoda, that if they desired

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their letter to be answered, it must be written by the Minister of Foreign Affairs &c. They asked what difference that made, seeing they had full power? I replied by asking what objection there was to a letter being written by the Minister of Foreign Affairs? They asked me if I should make any change in the Treaty, about shipwreck'd seamen, or change the Consulate to another place in Japan, without first informing the Japanese Government.

I told them them they would have due notice of all my actions, that I should do everything honorably, and openly, and that I would give them proper notice of all intended changes.

I was again requested, to write to you, that the Country had been devastated by two fearful Earthquakes, within a period of twenty months, that the Country was in a state of great confusion, and asking you to withdraw the Consul, until

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the country became settled.
I informed them, it was my duty to in-
form you, of all that passed at our
interviews, but that they could not
expect any communication from
you, based on my letter, and on
my urging that their Minister of
Foreign Affairs should write to you,
they said their laws forbad it.

Here they again apologised, for
the trouble they gave me, and said
it arose out of their ignorance, adding
they intended no disrespect to me, and
hoped I would not be offended.
The next question was, as to my po-
wers and rights, in reply I gave
them a short statement of Consular
powers and duties, adding that my
person was sacred, and that my
house must not be entered by any
one without my permission, adding
that all Americans must be placed
under my jurisdiction.
It was then understood, that the
fitting up of the Temple for me,
should be carried on, as fast as possible,

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and that the Governors would visit the San Jacinto on the following day, which visit was made as agreed on.

Commodore Armstrong saluted the Governors, put the men through their drill, and ended by giving them a handsome entertainment, which they honored by eating and drinking very heartily.

I am satisfied that the proceedings of monday, were merely under strict orders from Jedo, to get rid of me if possible, but the greater part of the officials themselves are favorably disposed toward us.

The Japanese appear to me, from the little I have seen of them, to be superior to any men I have seen East of the Cape of Good Hope.

They are of most genial disposition, and if they were only rid of the fearful despotism of their rules, they would cordially welcome all Foreigners to their Country.

I have not been here long enough to

to express any well founded opinion of Simoda, except that it is a poor harbour, and appears to be nothing more, than a fishing-town of some 4000 to 5000 inhabitants, and that it does not appear to have any commerce, beyond the wants of its small population.

I have deemed it prudent, to let a few weeks elapse, before I open to the Japanese, the matters contained in your instructions, I wish to let the alarm occasioned by my arrival subside, to convince them, by my quiet conduct of my friendly disposition, and by such private intercourse, as I may have, establish a kindly feeling toward me.

Commodore Armstrong informs me, that he does not think he can send a vessel here under six months from this time.

Should this prove to be the case, I fear I shall not be able to send any dispatches to you before that time, but I shall carefully avail myself

of

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of every opportunity, that may offer of forwarding my dispatches.

My copy of "Instructions to Consuls" did not reach me until late, and I find it to be imperfect, as all the forms No 1 to 10 inclusive have been left out by the Binder, this will be my excuse for not properly endorsing my despatches to you;

I have the honor to be
With great respect.
Your obedient Servant
Townsend Harris

Simoda Japan Sept. 3d 1856
Received
Announcing arrival at Simoda Japan and reception by the Authorities
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Rec'd Jany. Mr Chilton

No: 16.

United States Consulate General
Simoda. October 9th. 1856.

Sir,

An unexpected opportunity occurs of sending you a few hurried lines, by the American Schooner, General Pierce, bound to Hongkong.

Since my No: 15, I have been living in much harmony with the Japanese Officials, and I flatter my self, that I have secured their confidence and good will.

I have opened the subject of the value placed on American Coin, and although it is still pending, I have strong

To the Honourable W: L. Marcy
Secretary of State,
Washington
D. C.

strong hopes of bringing it, to a fa,
vorable issue.

After this point is settled, I shall then bring forward, the other matters contained in my instructions.

From all I can see and learn, I am of opinion, that the making of a full Commercial Trea, ty with this Country is only a ques. tion of time, and that if the business is prudently conducted, not a very long period will elapse, before it will be completed.

A severe Typhoon visited Simoda on the 22d Ult. and des, troyed many lives and much pro, perty. All the junks in the Harbour were driven ashore, and had there been any American ships here at the time, they would doubtless have sha, red the same fate.

This occurrence fully proves the great insecurity of this Harbour, to which I referred in my No: 15. Various strong reasons exist, why this Harbour should be exchanged

for

for another, and I shall bring the subject forward, when I enter fully on the business with which I am charged.

I have the honor to be,

With sincere respect,

Your Obt. Servt.

Townsend Harris

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U. S. Consulate

Simoda October 9th 1856.

Townsend Harris

No. 16.

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Duplicate

No: 17.

United States Consulate General
Simoda, Japan, November 17th 1856

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit herewith, my account of expenditures, made under the head of "Contingent Expenses in Siam," showing an unexpended Balance in my hands, on the 30th of September last of $293.62 Two Hundred Ninety Three Dollars & Sixty Two Cents.

As there will not be any further Expenditures under this head, nor under the head of the Money appropriated for the purchase

To the Honorable W. L. Marcy
Secretary of State
Washington
D. C.

of "Presents for the Kings of Siam"
of which there is a Balance in my
hands of $2008.17 Two Thousand
& Eight Dollars & Seventeen Cents.

I would respectfully suggest
that these two accounts, should be
closed by your directing me to
transfer the Balances above noted,
to the "Japan Contingent Fund"
& to the Fund for the payment of
a Dutch Interpreter in Japan,
in such proportions as you may
deem expedient.

I have the honor to be
Your obedient Servant.
//signed// Townsend Harris

Duplicate

U. S. Consulate General

Simoda Japan Nov. 17, 1856

Consul General

Townsend Harris

No. 17.

1 Enclosure -

Received

Duplicate.

Dr. State Department in account current w

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| June | 1856 25 | To Cash paid de Silver & C. for 2 Barrels of Flour, which were borrowed from the Purser of the San Jacinto for the use of myself, & the officers, who accompanied me to Bangkok See voucher No 1 | | | 46 |
| July | 8 | To Cash paid Armstrong & Lawrence, Hongkong, for shipping Presents of the Second King of Siam for the President, per ship Red Gauntlet See voucher No. 2 | | | 9 |
| | | Balance on hand | | | 293 |
| | | | | | 348 |

E. & O. E.

Consulate General
Simoda & Kupan September 30
(Signed) Townsend Har

...land Harris for Contingent Expenses in Siam. Cr.

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| 1856 | | | | |
| | 3 | By Balance as per account rendered this date | $348 | 72 |
| | | | $348 | 72 |
| | 30 | By Balance remaining in my hands | 293 | 62 |

Enclosure

with Despatch No. 17

Account Current

No. 1.

September 30th, 1856

Rec'd Mar. 9
No. 19

Mr Mackie

U.S. Consulate General
Simoda, Japan November 25th 1856

Sir

I have the honor to enclose (No 1) duplicate of my Despatch No 16. dated October 9th 1856

The arrival of the Rupcian Cor= vette Olivoutza, Commodore Passciet, gives me an unexpected opportunity of addreping you at this time.

Commodore Passciet is the bearer of the Ratified Treaty made by Rupcia with Japan, and he has given me a Copy of it, a translation of which, I transmit herewith numbered 2

I tendered to Commodore Passciet the services of this Consulate, and I have paid him and his Officers, all the attentions in my power.

The Rupcians have presented to the Japanese, all the guns of their Frigate, the Diana, which was lost here, in Consequence

The Honorable. W. L. Marcy
Secretary of State.
Washington. D.C. of

of the damage she received during the Earthquake of December 1853. The guns consist of

18 Short 24 pounders, Iron.
30 Long 24 do do
4 Paixhan shell guns, 8 inch do.

This handsome present, will enable the Japanese to fortify Simoda, as they are anxious of doing

Commodore Passiet informs me, that, had the Diana not been lost, the Russians would not have accepted Simoda as one of their Ports; but being without the means of surveying the adjacent Coast, and the Gulf of Jedo, they were reluctantly compelled to accept it.

Every day I reside here, adds to my convictions of the unfitness of Simoda, either as a place for supplying Ships with refreshments, or, for Commercial purposes. — The insecurity of the Harbour has been demonstrated by the loss of the Diana, as before noted; — By the Typhoon or Hurricane of the 23d of September last, when every Vessel in the Harbour, was driven on shore; And by the most important fact, that during a Moderate Wind on

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the 20th instant, the Russian Corvette dragged her anchors; thus establishing the belief heretofore entertained, that the great Sea Waves that attended the Earthquake of 1853. had destroyed the holding ground, by washing out the mud, and leaving a bare, rocky bottom.

Simoda is situated near the extremity of Cape Idsu, a Promontory of some 50 miles long, and composed of steep Volcanic Cones, of various altitudes, being from 300 to 4000 feet high. The population is composed of Fishermen, and a poor class of Agriculturists; No persons of Rank or Wealth, except the Government Officials are to be found here; No merchants have establishments here. —— Simoda is not the Sea Port of any considerable town, nor of a fertile and populous Country; Even the small supplies required by a single Ship-of-war, cannot be furnished by the Town, or by its immediate vicinity; No Commerce can be expected at a place so destitute of resources, even should the fullest freedom of Trade be granted by the Japanese.

A Russian Consul is expected to arrive here, next Spring, and I understand he will bring his family with him.

I visited the Corvette, and recieved a

Salute

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Salute of 13 guns. – Commodore Passiet informed me, that by the Regulations of the Russian Navy, 11 guns was the salute to be given to a Consul General, but wishing to place me on the same footing of honor as the Governor of Simoda, who had been saluted by 13 guns, he gave me the same number. –

Commodore Passiet tendered me, as a present, one of the boats of the Frigate Diana, which I declined, with cordial thanks, as it was too heavy for my use. – I mention these facts as evidences of the good feelings of the Russians.

I am informed, that Coals, of a better quality than those heretofore supplied by the Japanese, have been discovered in the vicinity of Hakodadi: – this is important to Steamers that may go to that Port for Coals, as they will obtain a better article, and probably at lower prices than heretofore, as previously, all Coals were taken to Hakodadi from the Island of Kiusiu, a voyage of near 900 miles, as the Japanese are compelled to skirt the Coasts, their open sterned Junks preventing them taking the direct route

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your Obedient Servant.
Townsend Harris

U. S. Consulate General
Simoda Japan Nov. 25/56.

Consul General
Townsend Harris.

No. 19.

2 Enclosures

Relative to exchange of ratifications of the Russian Treaty & commencing the Harbours of Simoda

# Treaty
between Russia & Japan.

In order to conclude per-
petual peace and friendship be-
tween Russia and Japan, & to con-
firm the same by a Treaty, His
Majesty the Emperor and Sole Ruler
of all Russia has appointed, His
Adjudant General, Vice Admiral Pos-
tiatine, his Plenipotentiary; and
His Majesty the Great Ruler of all
Japan, His high Subjects Tsoetsoei
Hizen no Kami and Kawadzi, Saye-
mon no Dzio.

The above named Plenipotentia-
ries have agreed upon the following
Articles.

## Article I.

There shall henceforward be
perpetual peace and sincere friend-
ship between Russia & Japan.
Both Russians & Japanese shall
have protection & assistance, in the
possessions of both Countries, as
well for their personal security as

for

for the inviolability of their property

Article II.

The limits between Russia & Japan shall henceforward be, between the Islands of Storeop (Jedaroff) & Seroep. The whole of the island of Storeop belongs to Japan, and the whole of the Island of Deroep with the other Kurile Isles to the North belong to the Russian Possessions. As to the Island of Krafto (Saghalien) it remains undivided as heretofore, between Russia & Japan.

Article III.

The Japanese Government shall open three Ports to Russian vessels: Sinnoda in the Principality of Idsu, Hakodade in the Province of Hakodade and Nangasaki in the Principality of Hizen.

In these three Ports, Russian vessels shall be allowed to repair damages, to procure water, fuel, provisions & other necessary articles, also coals, where the last are obtainable, & pay for the same in

in gold or silver coin, or should they have no money, merchandise will be taken in exchange.

With the exception of the above named Harbours, the Russians shall visit no others, with the exception of cases of distress, when the vessel is not able to pursue her course.

The expenses incurred shall be paid in one of the three opened Harbours.

## Article IV.

Assistance & protection shall be given in both Countries to wrecked vessels & men, the last shall be conveyed to the conceded Harbours.

During their residence on foreign Territory, they shall be free, but amenable to the just Laws of the Country.

## Article V.

In the two first mentioned Harbours, the Russians are allowed to exchange their Merchandise and money, for such merchandise as they may desire to obtain.

## Article VI.

The Russian Government shall appoint

appoint a Consul for one of the two first named Harbours, if it deems it necessary.

Article VII.

Should a question or matter arise, requiring consideration or decision, the same shall be taken into mature consideration and adjusted by the Japanese Government.

Article VIII.

A Russian in Japan shall enjoy liberty, as well as a Japanese in Russia, & not be subject to oppression.

Whoever commits a crime, can be arrested, but shall only be punished after the Laws of his own country.

Article IX.

Because of the neighbourhood of the two countries, all rights & privileges, which Japan has granted now, or may hereafter grant to other Nations, shall be extended to Russian Subjects.

This Treaty shall be ratified by His Imperial Majesty, the Emperor

Emperor & Sole Ruler of all Russia & His Majesty the great Ruler of all Japan, or as mentioned in the adjoining particular clause, the ratifications shall be exchanged in Simoda, not before the expiration of nine months, & as soon thereafter as circumstances may permit. For the present, the copies will be exchanged, mutually signed by the Plenipotentiaries of both countries; all the Articles to enter into effect from the date of the signing of this Treaty, and shall be inviolably & faithfully observed by the two contracting Parties.

Concluded & signed in the City of Simoda on the 26 of January / 7 of February of the year 1855 after Christ, of Ansei the first year, the twelfth month, the Twenty First day.

(S) The original is signed
Euphemius Pontiatine

The Japanese original is signed.
Tsoetsoei Hizen no Kami
Kiwadzi Sayemon no Dzio.

Explanatory Articles as agreed on by the Plenipotentiaries of Russia, Adjudant-General, Vice Admiral Euphemius Pontiatine, & the Plenipotentiaries of Japan, Tsoetsoei Iijeron no Kami & Kawadzi, Sayemon no Dzio.

to Article III.

The Russians may freely move in the two first mentioned Harbours & in the neighbourhood; at Simoda within 7 Japanese Miles from the Island of Inobasiri; at Hakodade within the limits of five Japanese Miles. They may visit shops & also temples, until inns or houses of rest be constructed, but they cannot enter into private buildings, unless expressly invited. In Nangasaki, as shall be afterwards arranged for others.

Burial places shall be assigned in each Harbour & shall not be molested.

To Article V.

Merchandise shall be delivered in a particular Government House, where all goods, or gold and silver coins will be brought.

Merchandise

Merchandise, selected by Russians in the stores, shall be paid at the above mentioned house, at prices agreed upon with the seller, or be exchanged for merchandise brought by the vessels, always through the intervention of Japanese officials.

to Article VI.

a. The Russian Consuls shall be appointed from the year 1856.

b. Ground & houses for the Consulate shall be assigned by the Japanese Government, and the Russians shall be allowed to live after their customs & Laws.

to Article IX.

The rights & privileges, mentioned in the 9th Article, granted to other Nations, are likewise to be granted to Russia, without any further Negociation.

These explanatory Articles have all the force of the Treaty and are equally binding on both contracting Parties, in faith of which, they are affirmed by the Signatures & Seals of the Plenipotentiaries of ~~both~~ the countries.

Concluded & signed in the City of Simoda on the ~~29 of January~~ 4th February of the year

1855 after the nativity of Christ; of Ansei, the first year, the twelfth month, the 21: day.

Enclosure with despatch. No: 19

Copy of Russian Treaty, made Feby 1/55

No: 2.

Rec'd March.

No: 20.

United States Consulate General
Simoda, Japan November 25th 1856.

Sir,

The friendly relations that existed between the Japanese and myself, as noted in my Despatch No: 16 have not suffered any diminution since that date, but have rather increased, and I have been enabled thereby, to learn some interesting facts, connected with public opinion in Japan.

At an early period of my residence here, I discovered that the people

To the Honorable W. L. Marcy
Secretary of State
Washington
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People were not only not averse to intercourse with Foreigners, but wished their Country to be opened to them. Subsequently, and by slow degrees, I discovered that the Officials entertained similar opinions, and, growing bolder, they began to fix a period for terminating the present exclusive policy; beginning at twenty years, and afterwards, and from time to time reducing it, until it now stands at two years. This was satisfactory so far as it indicated their individual opinions; but matters of more importance, subsequently came to my knowledge. I was informed, that a large, influential, and increasing party, in favor of changing the old policy of the Country, existed in Jedo, and that even some members of the Regency, or Council of State, were members of it. The importance of this last statement will better appear, when

when it is considered that the Emperor, as Foreigners term the Mikado and Tycoon, are mere cyphers; "they Reign but do not Govern"; the whole power of the State being absorbed by a Hereditary Council, which enacts, amends, or repeals laws at pleasure.

I also learned of several acts of the Government, which involve so great a departure from the laws, & are so contrary to what has heretofore been their policy, that they carry an appearance of a change in their views, in relation to Foreign intercourse. The acts referred to were:

1st. The Japanese have accepted of a Steamer, which was presented to them by the Dutch. All such presents have heretofore, been positively refused.

2d. The Japanese with some assistance from the Russians, have constructed five Schooners, which are faithful copies in Model, Rig, &c. of the celebrated Baltimore Clipper

clipper schooner". The building of these schooners is an open infraction of the Law, which inflicted the penalty of death on any one constructing a Vessel, with a closed stern; the avowed object of the Law was to prevent long voyages at sea, hence the sterns of all their Junks are entirely open.

3d. Two Steamers are now constructing in Holland for the Japanese, and are to be paid for, one fifth part in money, one fifth part in copper, one fifth in camphor, one fifth part in way used the remaining fifth in Japanese manufactured articles, such as Lacked ware &c. &c. This, as in act Number 2 is a violation of the Laws of the Country; and is also interesting, as showing the Government in the character of a Trader. All writers on Japan have agreed in stating, that commerce was despised by the Japanese, that Merchants & Traders were

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placed in the fifth class of society and only ranking above the absolute Pariah's; that no Japanese Mer. chant, whatever might be his wealth, could obtain the coveted right, to wear a sword, except by enrolling himself as the ser. vant of some Noble, and placing his badge or crest on the sleeve of his garment; I would here note, that under the American Treaty, it is the officers of the Go. vernment, that appear as the vendors of the supplies asked for, and that they attend daily at my residence to enquire what articles I may want, which they procure and deliver; weighing, counting or measuring the various articles; in this case it is evidently not felt to be a degradation to act the part of a petty tradesman.

4th Master mechanics, of every branch connected with the con. struction, rigging and fitting out of a ship, have been hired

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in Holland for the Japanese Go. vernment, and they are now employed at Nangasaki in giving instruction to a large number of Japanese Mechanics. The intentions of the Government as shown by this act are unmistakable; it is clearly the object of the Japanese, to learn the best mode of constructing vessels, like those of the Foreigners, who have visited their shores; and possibly, that they may be able to resume the place they occupied in the early part of the Sixteenth Century, as bold and skilful mariners & navigators: In familiar conversation with the officials, I have playfully proposed that they should go in one of the American ships, & visit the United States, that they might see the Country, its Agriculture, Manufactures, Cities, ships, Steamers, Railways &c, &c, to which they invariably

reply

reply," the time will soon come, when"
"we will build ships like yours, "
"and then we can visit the United"
"States, in a proper manner".

When I was at Hong, kong, I was informed by the Gover. nor, Sir John Bowring, that he had been appointed Plenipotentiary to Japan; that his Government was dissatisfied with the Treaty made with the Japanese by Ad. miral Sterling; that he should go to Japan with a large Naval Force, probably larger than that of Commodore Perry; that he should proceed at once to Yedo, and would refuse to negociate at any other place; that he would accept of nothing short of a complete open. ing of Japan to the English & to their commerce; concluding by saying, that Japan should be brought into the great Family of Commercial Nations, peacably or forcibly, at her own choosing.

Sir John (unsolicited by me)

gave

gave me permission to communi-
cate to the Japanese Government, all
that he had said to me, adding
that if it should facilitate my ob-
taining a satisfactory Treaty
before he arrived, it would give
him sincere pleasure.

The several items, which
relate to Public opinion; the acts
of the Japanese Government, &
the intentions of the English, in-
duced me to believe that a favo-
rable opportunity, had occurred
for attempting to open negociations
with the Japanese; and with that
view I addressed a letter to the
Minister of Foreign Affairs on the
25th. of October, a copy of which I
transmit herewith, numbered 1.

I repeat, that I consider
the present juncture as favoring
our attempt to procure a mo-
dification of the present Treaty,
if it does not enable us, to obtain
all the President would desire.

I am of opinion, that my
presence

in Yedo, with the explanations I shall be able to give, will serve to increase the feeling in favor of free intercourse; I shall point out the unsatisfactory character of the present state of affairs and that they cannot hope, that they will long remain on their present footing.

I shall fully explain to them the intentions of the English Government; and in that connexion, observe, that the terms demanded under such circumstances, would not be as moderate, as might be accepted by Sir John Bowring, if he found on his arrival, that a Treaty opening Japan to Foreign trade had been made; that it would be a good answer to his demands to say "we "have opened our Country to the "Americans, and you shall have "the same terms as have satisfied "them. I shall call their attention to the fact that by making a Treaty with me, they would save the point of honor, that must arise from

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their apparently yielding to the force, that backs the Plenipotentiary, and not to the justice of his demands. I shall particularly urge on them another consideration; supposing Hostilities ensue, the English would seize on the Island of Jesso, which they no doubt covet, for, with that Island in their possession, they could effectually watch the movements of the Russians, whose establishments at the Amoor river, and in the Island of Sagahlien, have aroused their suspicions, that Russia intends striking a blow at China, addeing, that the discovery of coals near Hakodade, immensely enhances the importance & value of the Island in a naval point of view.

I shall of course enlarge on the benefits that must ensure to the Government & people from Japan, taking a place among the

commercial Nations of the World, and the vast encouragement it would give to the skill and industry of the masses in Japan. The easy mode of raising a Revenue from Customs Duties, will, as I think, have much weight with the Government.

I have been informed, that one of the chief objections to the opening of Japan, urged by some of the Council, is based on the fact, that a Pretender to the Tiogoonship (Political Emperor) is actually living in the Island of Satsuma; and it is urged, that if Foreigners are admitted into the Country, they will as they did in 1620 assist him, & thus the flames of civil war, will again be lighted up in Japan.

I do not know what reliance is to be placed on any part of this report.

I should not, under any circumstances expect an early reply to my letter, and I feel quite assured, that I shall not

receive

No. 20. T. Harris. Simoda - 25 Nov. 1856.

receive one, until after the departure of the Russian Corvette.

Should any American vessels arrive, at Simoda, during my absence at Jedo, I shall immediately return to attend to their business.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your obedient Servant
Townsend Harris

United States Consulate General.
Simoda Japan Nov 25/56
Townsend Harris
No: 20.
1 Enclosure
Received
Answer 6 given
negociations
with the Japanese

Copy.

Consulate General of the United States of America.

Simoda October 25th, 1856.

To His Excellency
The Minister of Foreign Affairs.
for the Empire of Japan.

I have the honor to inform Your Excellency, that I am charged by my Government with some highly important matters, which greatly concern the interests of Japan, and that I have been directed to communicate the same to the Government of His Imperial Majesty.

The President of the United States has written a letter to His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Japan, and has directed me to deliver the same.

In all matters concerning the interests of two great Nations, it is best that all transactions should be entrusted to those of the highest authority, and

that

United States Consul

that the persons so entrusted should by the means of personal interviews, enter into full, frank & free communications with each other on all the points in question, as they can thereby directly discover the best course to be adopted.

On the other hand to attempt to conduct such a business by means of letters would be most unfortunate, great delays would arise and many misunderstandings grow out of a wrong construction of some word or phrase.

To avoid these or similar misfortunes, I have concluded to go to Yedo for the purpose, of communicating directly with the high officers of His Imperial Majesty.

I have preferred to wait a few weeks, after my arrival at Simoda, before making this communication to Your Excellency, thinking it would be better to go quietly up to Yedo, instead of proceeding there in a Frigate, which might

have

caused some uneasiness among the ignorant people. As I am now situated, I shall only be attended by my secretary & my servants.

I shall feel greatly obliged by Your Excellency's giving orders for my proper accomodation on the road from this to Yedo, and having me informed, when such arrangements have been completed.

I transmit herewith a translation into the Dutch language, of a Commercial Treaty, which I had the honor to make with the two Kings of Siam, as I was on my way from the United States to Japan, and I would respectfully request Your Excellency to inform yourself of its provisions.

Sir John Bowring, Governor of Hongkong, has given me full information of the wishes and intentions of the English Government, as it regards the Empire of Japan, and I will communicate the same to Your Excellency, when

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I shall arrive at Yedo.

I have the honor to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my most distinguished and respectful consideration

// Signed // Townsend Harris

Enclosure in Despatch No 20

Copy of Letter to Minister of Foreign Affairs October 25/56

No. 1.

Rec'd 7. March.

N: 21.

United States Consulate General
Sinoda, Japan December 10th, 1856.

Sir,

My Despatches N: 17 to 20 inclusive, which I have the honor to forward by this Mail, contain an account of all that has occurred at this Consulate, since the Date of my Despatch N: 16.

I regret that I am unable to inform you of the settlement of the Currency-question; that matter is still under consideration at Jedo. The Japanese excuse their delay, by saying that in Japan

To the Honorable W. L. Marcy
Secretary of State
Washington
D. C.

Japan, all things must be most deliberately considered, and that they must not be expected to act with the same promptitude as is looked for in Western Governments.

I feel called on to exercise all possible patience towards them, in consideration of the anomalous position they have occupied for more than two Centuries.

The future settlement of this question has received much assistance from the course pursued by the Russians, in the adjustment of their accounts.

After stating the injustice of taking their money at one third of its intrinsic value, and thus charging them three prices for all they procured, they plainly informed the Governor of Simoda that they would no longer submit to such unjust proceedings; that in as much as the Governor had no power to adjust

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the matter, they would pay to the Japanese their demand in Russian Coin at its true value, and that they would deposite with this consulate the remaining sum claimed by the Japanese so that if the question should be decided in favor of the Japanese they might receive the sum without delay, and on the contrary if the decision should be adverse to them, then the Money should be returned to the Russians.

Believing the action of the Russians to be just, and calculated to aid, in bringing the question to a more speedy settlement, I consented to receive the trust, conditioned that I should be allowed to place it in the hands of the Russian Consul, on his arrival in Japan. I trust, my action in this matter will meet your approval.

The Japanese have given the

the Russians, the choice of one of two Temples in Simoda, as the future residence of their Consul. In this connexion I would note a significant occurrence, showing how rapidly the prejudices of the Japanese are giving way: when informed that the Russian Consul would bring a Priest with him, they raised no objections.

The Russians have made numerous and valuable presents to the Japanese; in addition to the guns of the Diana (heretofore noted) they made many presents to the Liogoon & High Officers and to all the officials at Simoda, they presented handsome gold watches, and similar articles of value.

It may be here remarked, that heretofore, no official, or other Japanese, would receive any present from a Foreigner,

but

on this occasion, they did not scruple to take all, that was offered them.

It is proper that I should inform you, that during the period of the firing of the salutes on the occasion of the Exchange of Ratifications, the American Flag was hoisted in an honorable place, on board the Russian Corvette.

I was invited by Commodore Passiet to attend on that occasion, but as I had from the first declined to attend to any business on a Sunday, with the Japanese, and as the exchanges were made on that day, I felt, that if I did attend, the Japanese might justly charge me with inconsistency. this, without reference to weightier reasons, was sufficient to cause me to cause me to decline the invitation.

The Russians being unable to negociate their Bills of Exchange here, I made them

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an advance out of my private funds

I have the honor to be
With great respect
Your obedient Servant
Townsend Harris

No. 21. T. Harris - Simoda. 10 Dec. 1856.

Ratifications exchanged at Yedo.

Chancellor Japan Legation

Consul General

Commodore Harris

No. 2 Rec'd

Relating to Currency

Question & to the Revision

Tariff. Exchange of

ratifications.

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No: 22.

United States Consulate General at Simoda

July 31, 1858.

Sir,

In a letter from the Department of State, dated August 19th, 1856, and addressed to this Consulate, I was directed to pay a debt, supposed to be owing by a Mr Reed to the Japanese Government.

That letter was not received, until the 20th of October 1857. I enquired into the facts of the case, and found that the Japanese held two notes, signed by Reed & Dougherty, one for one thousand dollars, and the other for four-teen hundred and ninety dollars. I then informed the authorities, that I would pay those notes, as soon as any American

To the Honorable Lewis Cass.
Secretary of State
Washington

American ship should arrive here, at the same time, informing them, that the fact of my Government paying this debt, must not be considered as a precedent, or that there was any obligation, either moral or legal to pay it, but that the payment was made from a wish, to save them from the risk of loss, which they had incurred, by their over confidence, that for the future, no debts, contracted by private persons in Japan, would be paid by the Government of the United States.

The Japanese were much pleased with this, and said it showed a high sense of honor, on the part of the Government of the United States, and that for the future, they should govern themselves, by the advice, I had given them.

The notes of Reed & Dougherty are drawn payable in Dollars, but as the dollar, at that time was considered as only the equivalent of the Japanese Itzebue, I have paid, to the Japanese the sum of twenty four hundred

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and ninety Itzebues, which under the Convention of June 17th, 1857 are equal to 34½ cents of a dollar each, makes the amount paid them to be $8.59.05, showing a saving by the operation of that Convention of $16.34.95.

I transmit herewith the original notes, and an assignment of the same to you, made by Nibara Geidaro, Chief of the Treasury of Simoda, duly witnessed and authenticated, together with a Certificate, made by the Prince of Deva, Governor of Simoda, that the above Officer was duly authorised, to make the assignment.

I am ignorant of legal forms, but I hope the assignment will be found, to cover all the material points, that are requisite in such an instrument.

I also transmit herewith an account, showing the amount for which I have drawn, or Bills Having Mothers. &c. in liquidation

I shall send you duplicates of the documents, with the Consular

Copies

No. 22

copies of the notes, by the next opportunity.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
(signed) Townsend Harris
Consul General

Enclosure
with despatch No: 25.

duplicate of my
despatch No: 22.

No. 1.

Simoda July 31/58.

Duplicat. Re 23d Ap. Mr Marcy

No: 27.

United States Consulate General at Simoda
August 7th, 1858.

Sir,

I had the honor to transmit by the hands of Mr. Paulding Jattnall, Special Bearer of despatches, the Commercial Treaty, I have made, with the Japanese Government, which was signed on the 29th of July.

I belive the Treaty is free from any obscurity of meaning, in some cases the phraseology is peculiar, this arises from the great difference of the idioms of the Japanese and Dutch languages.

It is proper that I should inform you, of the reasons that induced me, to consent to the insertion of some of the provisions of the Treaty, and why other obvious ones are omitted.

Article First provides for the
Reception

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Secretary of State
Washington

reception of a Resident Minister at Yedo and Consuls at all the Ports, opened by the Treaty. The Minister and Consul General can travel in any part of the Empire, from the time, they enter on the discharge of their official duties. I demanded the same right for Consuls, the Japanese Commissioners offered to insert the right for each Consul, to travel in any part of his Consular district, and said, that, so far as they were concerned, they would freely grant the right to travel, in any part of the Empire, but it involved the question of the supreme authority which is exercised, by the eighteen great Daimios in their Principalities, and of the Sanctity which attaches to the district of Kioto, the residence of the Spiritual Emperor. That to grant to all the Consuls the rights claimed by me, would create a dangerous excitement, and might seriously embarass the Government; they said they had no doubt, that in a short time after the Treaty went into operation, they should be able to give permission

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to travel, in any part of the Empire, not only to Consuls, but to all Americans, but they could not insert such a promise in the Treaty.

I answered, that, what I asked, was simply the right, which was enjoyed by all Consuls, under the laws of Nations, that to insert a clause limiting them to the bounds of their respective Consular districts, would be an abandonment of a part of their undoubted rights, but as I did not wish to embarass them, by insisting in secondary points, I would omit all reference to Consuls, trusting that when the time arrived, that those rights would be claimed, all the difficulties that at present existed, would be removed.

At the same time, I explicitly told the Commissioners, that this omission was not to be considered as an abandonment, or even a waiver of the rights of our Consuls.

The Japanese wished to insert a clause, that no Minister should be sent to Japan, before the 1st. of January 1861, and on my declining to accede

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to the proposition, they asked me to give them, my private pledge, to the same effect. They were answered, that I had no authority to give any such pledge, and that it would depend on the pleasure of the President, whether the sending a Minister should be delayed or not. They requested me, to write to you, their wishes on this point, which I promised to do.

I am of opinion, that the presence of some person clothed with diplomatic Powers, at the time, the Treaty shall go into effect, is of great importance. The changes in the Japanese Policy, made by the Treaty, are so great, that it cannot be doubted, that many delicate questions will arise at the outset, and unless they are watched over by a careful and discreet person, they may cause great injury to the very favorable opinion, the Japanese now have of our Country and its Government.

Article Second, provides, that the President of the United States

States, will at the request of the Japanese Government, act as a friendly Mediator, should any difficulties arise between Japan, and any of the Western Powers. It also provides, that the ships of war of the United States, and the American Consuls, will give such friendly aid to Japanese vessels and Subjects, as does not involve a breach of neutrality. This article, as well as the right to purchase munitions of war, and build vessels in the United States (except when Japan should be at war, with a Power in amity with the United States) contained in Article Ten, was inserted at the Special request of the Japanese Commissioners; they said that they knew, that the American Government would grant all these points, without any Treaty stipulations; but they wished them, to be inserted, for the information of the Daimios and Nobles, who would have many of their objections to the Treaty removed, by the reading those Articles, as from their ignorance of the comity of Nations, they would look

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on them, as special favors, granted to Japan, by the United States.

## Article Third.

Five of the best Harbours of Japan are opened by this Article, to the trade of Americans. They are situated in such relation, to the whole country, as to fairly open, each important section.

In addition to the foregoing Ports, the great Cities of Yedo and Osaca, are also opened, to the trade of Americans. These Ports and Cities are to be opened, at various dates, from the 4th of July 1859, to the first of January 1863. This delay was conceded, to enable the Government, to quietly pacify the opponents of the measure, in which they expect to be aided, by the results of the intercourse, which will begin on the 4th of July 1859.

The Harbour of Simoda is to be closed, after the 4th of January 1860.

I consented to this, the more readily, as it does not possess a single one of

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the prerequisites of a Commercial Harbour. The anchorage is unsafe, the place is utterly destitute of any means of commerce, being a poor fishing village, situated among the volcanic cones of Cape Idzu, it is not able to supply the ordinary wants of even a single ship of war, and as to repairs of vessels, they are quite out of the question, from the threefold want of men, materials and a safe place for making them.

The article provides, that a suitable place shall be selected, at each of the opened Ports, where Americans may erect their dwelling and warehouses, and a special clause prohibits the erection, of any wall, fence or gate, by the Japanese, around such place.

At Calcutta, Penang, Singapore, Hongkong, Canton, Shanghae, &. &. Foreigners, as a general rule, occupy a quarter by themselves.

The Japanese municipal laws are very peculiar, and if the houses of the Americans were scattered through the towns, among the native houses, we

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would have either to ask the Japanese, to abrogate their Regulations, in our favor, or we would have to submit to them.

It appeared to me, that I could not justly make such a demand on the one hand, and, that it would not be expedient, to place ourselves, under Japanese authority on the other. For these reasons, I followed the plan, which has been voluntarily adopted by our countrymen, throughout the East.

The twelfth clause of the article, virtually repeals, all the sumptuary laws of Japan, and the monopoly of copper is broken up, as all the surplus produce, is to be sold at public auction.

Article Fourth may justly be considered, as one of the most important, in the Treaty. It secures to the United States Naval depots, in three of the best Harbours of the country, and all supplies, may be landed free of duty. When the salubrity of the climate, the safety of the Harbours, the vicinity to the great Ports of China, the facility of obtaining supplies, and the security

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against desertion of the crew, are considered, it will be seen, that Japan is the spot of all others, in which the naval depots of the United States in Asia, should be established. It is hardly necessary for me, to refer, to the political side of the question. In Japan we have nothing to fear, from the hostility of the Government, politically, or as a Commercial rival, while full and complete security is furnished for both Person & Property: Our present depot is placed in one of the worst spots, in the whole East, as it regards insalubrity, and the vile population, that exists there; to which may be added the important fact, that the whole of the supplies for our Eastern Squadron, are in the hands of our great political and Commercial rival.

The Article prohibits the importation of opium and provides that the Japanese may seize and destroy any opium, that is brought there. All goods, that have paid duties at the Port

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of importation, may be transported into any part of the Empire, without the payment of any tax or transit duty.

Article Five provides that all foreign coins, shall pass current in Japan, and abolishes the allowance of six per cent, allowed by the Convention of June 17th 1857, to cover the expense of recoinage.

Article Six, establishes the extraterritoriality of all Americans in Japan.

Article Seventh, fixes the boundaries of the excursions of the Americans, in the opened Ports. As a general rule, they can travel in a circle, whose radius is nearly twenty five miles, American measure, but some exceptions to this rule have been admitted from the necessity of the case. e.g. At Kanagawa the bounds to the North East are fixed by the river Logo, which is about nine miles from Kanagawa, this was accepted, because the radius

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of twenty five miles would have carried them, into the heart of the City of Yedo, which by Article Three was not to be opened, until the first of January 1862. So at Hiogo, the bounds are not to approach the city of Kioto nearer than Ten Li. This City, as you are aware is the residence of the "Spiritual Emperor", and there is a universal dislike, to have Foreigners even approach the place. At Nagasaki, no measured bounds could be named, as patches of Territory, belonging to various of the independent Princes, are scattered about that place. All the Government could at present grant, was the freedom of all the Imperial domain, in that vicinity. I have no doubt that all restrictions on the movements of our Countrymen, in any part of the Empire, will be removed, even before the period, fixed for the revision of the Treaty, provided that common prudence is observed in the intercourse of the Americans with the Japanese.

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Article Eight securing to all Americans in Japan, the free exercise of their Religion, and the right to build churches, gives me unalloyed pleasure. If the Americans and other Missionaries shall follow the example, set them, by the Apostle of the Indies (St. Francis Xavier) there will be no difficulty, in introducing christianity into Japan. All the Japanese Government desires, is, that religion shall not be used, as a cloak, to conceal ulterior purposes, or to promote discord among the People.

Article Ninth provides for the arrest of deserters and fugitives, and gives the use of Japanese Jails, for the safe keeping of American Prisoners, who may be committed by Consular Authority.

Articles ten to thirteen inclusive, do not require any remark.

Article Fourteenth provides that the ratifications of the Treaty shall be exchanged at the City of Washington, and for this purpose

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a Japanese Embassador will visit that City. The Japanese said, they had made the first Treaty of amity and the first Commercial Treaty with the United States, and they wished to pay that Country the compliment, of sending to it, the first diplomatic Agent, ever commissioned by the Japanese Government. The provision that the Treaty should go into effect, on the fourth of July 1859, even if the ratifications had not been exchanged, at that date, was inserted by me, to meet any possible intentional delay of the Japanese, in sending their ratification to the United States.

The Articles Regulating Trade, and the Tariff were left almost entirely to me, the Japanese saying that they were so much in the dark, that they could not exercise any judgment in the matter.

I have drawn the Regulations with a view, to the protection of the Revenue, and the Tariff is arranged with a view first, to secure an income to the Japanese

Government

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Government, and second, to enable our whaling ships, in the North Pacific Ocean, to obtain their supplies on reasonable terms.

The regulations provide, that the Import and Export duties, shall be subject to revision, after the 4th of July 1864, should the Japanese Government desire it.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
(signed) Townsend Harris
Consul General

With despatch No. 41

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despatch No. 27
1858.

No. 1

Simoda August 7/58.

Duplicate. Rec'd 23d Sept. Mr Abbott
Cuba

Secy of Navy.

No: 29

United States Consulate General at Sinnoda.
September 6th. 1858.

Sir,

I have the hono to inform you, that the Japanese Government has applied to me for a Steamer to convey their Embassador to the United States via Panama, they not having any vessel suitable for such a voyage.

A Copy of the Dutch version of the written application, with an English translation of the same, is transmitted herewith, and numbered 1. No: 1

As I could not communicate this matter to you, and receive your directions, in time to enable the Japanese Embassador, to reach Washington by the fourth day of July next, I wrote to Flag.

To the Honorable Lewis Cass.
Secretary of State.
Washington

Flag officer Josiah Tattnall, informing him of the foregoing particulars, and requesting him to furnish the desired conveyance to the Japanese

No: 2 I transmit herewith a copy of my letter to Flag officer Tattnall, numbered 2.

A perusal of these two enclosures, will give you all needful information.

I would respectfully suggest, that if the President should see fit to order one of the Government Steamers, to receive the Embassador at Aspinwall, and from thence convey him direct to Washington, it would not only be considered as a compliment, by the Japanese Government, but would prevent much, that would be exceedingly disagreeable to the Envoy, in taking his passage from Aspinwall, in the ordinary Passenger steamers.

The Envoy will probably have two Interpreters with him, who speak a little English, but they speak the Dutch language fluently. If a person having a knowledge of the Dutch and English languages, could be dispatched to Panama, it would no doubt greatly

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contribute to the convenience of the Japanese. The whole number of the Japanese will probably be from thirty to fifty persons. When Commodore Tattnall was here in last August, I informed him that such an application would probably be made by the Japanese Government, and he told me, he would in that case, order one of his steamers for the service.

As soon as I hear from the Commodore, I will inform the Department, at what date the Embassador, may be expected at Panama.

The Japanese have unofficially requested that an officer of the American Navy, should attend the Envoy from Panama to Washington. This is in strict accordance with Japanese etiquette, and on both my visits to Yedo I was attended by one of the Vice Governors of Simoda.

I have constantly told the Japanese, that Envoys in the West, always travelled at the expense of their own Government, and were not entertained at the cost of the Government

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which they were accredited.

I endeavoured to avoid any outlay on my account, during my two visit to Yedo, but I was not able to do so completely. All the coolies employed to carry my luggage on the roads, were paid by the Japanese, and while I remained at Yedo (nearly six months) my servants guards, bearers, grooms &c. together some forty persons, were all fed by the Japanese. I am inclined to think, they are not ignorant of the fact, that when the Burmese Embassadors visited Paris, and when the Siamese Envoy visited England & France, that all the Expenses of these three Embassies were bane by the Governments, to which they were respectively accredited.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
[signed] Townsend Harris
Consul General

In closure
with Despatch No. 29.

Duplicate of despatch No. 29. of this year.
No. 2.
Simoda dept. 6. 1858

Simoda Septr 6. 1858.

English Translation

To His Excellency Townsend Harris,
Plenipotentiary and Consul General
of the United States of America. & &. &.

As the exchange of ratifications at
Washington, of the Treaty, that has lately
been signed, is the first instance of
a mission, ever sent abroad by our
Nation, it has been proposed to
convey that mission and have it
returned, in a United States man
of war. For Your Excellency's
friendly feelings we are much obliged,
and we request Your Excellency, to propose
to the United States Government, that a
man of war may arrive in this Empire
for this purpose, after the eleventh Japan-
ese month of this year (after the 7th of December 1858)
d with respect. The 19th day of the 7th month of the
5th year of Ansei Mina (August 27/58).

(Signed) Ota Prince of Bingo
" Manabay Prince of Simoosa
" Tusé Prince of Yamato.

To Dutch translator

(Signed) Moriyama Takitoro

A true translation

W. Heusken

Enclosure
duplicate of
With Despatch № 29.

Letter from Ministers
for Foreign affairs.

№ 1.

Yedo, August 27th 1858.

Copy.

United States Consulate General at Simoda

September 4th 1858.

Sir,

By the fourteenth article of the Treaty, made by me, with the Government of Japan, it is provided that the ratifications of the Treaty, shall be exchanged at the City of Washington, on or before the 4th day of July 1859. For the purpose of carrying out this provision of the Treaty the Japanese Government has appointed a Special Embassador, to proceed direct to the United States, as the Bearer of their ratification.

This is the first diplomatic Agent ever sent out from Japan, and it is intended by this Government, as a special mark of respect for that of the United States. They desire, that the

Lt Flag Officer Josiah Tattnall

Commander in chief of the United States Naval Forces, in the India, China and Japan Seas.

the Embassador should proceed to the United States, via Panama, to avoid all parts of Europe, not having suitable vessels to transport their Ministers across the Pacific Ocean, they have applied to me for a suitable conveyance. I have the honor to enclose a copy of that communication, and beg your attention to its contents, and at the same time to request you (provided it can be done consistently with the Public Interests) to furnish the conveyance desired by the Japanese.

I consider this as a matter of very great importance, there is no doubt the Japanese regard us, in a more friendly light, than any of the other Powers with whom they have come in contact, they wish to foster that feeling, and a compliance with their request, will give great satisfaction, not only to the Government but to all the Nobles.

Lord Elgin requested the Japanese to send an Embassador direct to England, and offered to furnish them, with any conveyance they might require The Japanese evaded his application,

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by saying, that it was not as yet determined to send Embassadors to any Nation.

We were the first Nation, to make a Treaty of amity with the Japanese, this we have followed up, by making the first Commercial Treaty with them, and to have the eclat, to receive the first Embassy from this singular People, cannot but redound to our national honor. You will observe, that the letter enclosed, refers to the conveying the Embassador, to the United States, (Panama) and bringing him back, to this Country.

I do not think, that you need entertain the latter part of the application. The Embassador will doubtless proceed from the United States to England, Holland and Russia, and probably to France also. I am inclined to think, that he will prefer returning to Japan via Egypt and China, in place of the Pacific Route. But on this point the Government will have ample time to send instructions to Panama, to meet the steamer on her arrival at that place.

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The time named, on which the Embasador would be ready to commence his voyage is December 7th of the present year.

I would suggest, (what you have previously named to me), that it would be well so to time the departure from Japan, that the Embasador should arrive at Washington, during the beautiful month of June.

The Japanese applied to me unofficially, to have a Naval officer attend the Embasador from Panama to Washington. I shall inform the Department of this request and it may take the necessary steps in the matter. Should it however be overlooked, I would respectfully suggest to you, the issuing of conditional orders, to some one of the officers, attached to the Frigate that proceeds, to Panama.

I have the honor to be

Respectfully yours

(signed) Townsend Harris

Consul General

In duplicate with dispatch No. 29.

Letter to Flag Officer Josiah Tattnall.

No. 2.

Kanagawa Sept. 4/58.

Rec'd Jany. Mr Marcy

No: 1.

United States Consulate General
Simoda, Japan, January 1st, 1857.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit herewith a return of the numbers & date of the despatches, addressed to the Department of State, by this Consulate, during the past year.

I have the honor to be
With great respect
Your obedient Servant
Townsend Harris

No 1

No. 1. T. Harris. Simoda. 1 Jan.y 1857

Simoda Japan Jan.y 1st 1857

Consul General
Townsend Harris

Sir

I Enclosure

Received.

Annual return
showing the number & date
of the arrivals & departures
of vessels

Return of despatches, addressed to the Department of State by the Consulate General at Simoda, Japan, during the Year 1856.

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| " 8 | " | June | 9th |
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| " 21 | " | December | 10th |

United States Consulate General
Simoda Japan December 31st, 1856.

Townsend Harris
Consul General

Simoda Japan Jan 1/57

Enclosure

with Despatch No: 1.

Return of the numbers & dates of despatches during 1856.

No: 1.

December 31st, 1856.

Rec'd Jany. Mr Marcy

No: 2

United States Consulate General
Simoda Japan, January 1st 1857.

Sir,

I have the honor to hand you herewith duplicates of my Despatches No: 17, 18 & 19 with Enclosures.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant.

Townsend Harris

To the Honorable W. L. Marcy
Secretary of State
Washington
D. C.

No 2. T. Harris - Simoda. 1 Jan.y 1857

U. S. Consulate General

Simoda Japan Jan 1/57.

Consul General

Townsend Harris

No 2

3 Enclosures

Received

with Duplicates No 17, 18 & 19

Rec'd Jan'y.  Mr Marcy

No. 3.

United States Consulate General
Simoda, Japan, January 1st, 1857.

Sir,

I have the honor to hand you herewith, duplicates of my Despatches No. 20 & 21 with enclosures.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully,
Your obedient Servant,

Townsend Harris

To the Honorable W. L. Marcy
Secretary of State
Washington
D. C.

No. 3. T. Harris. Simoda. 5 Jan. 1857

Simoda Japan [illegible] 57.

Consul Ge[illegible]

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No 2

2 Enclosures

Received.

with duplicates 20 & 21.

Rec'd Jan. Mr Marcy

No. 4.

United States Consulate General
Simoda Japan January 1st, 1857.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit my account of Disbursements made under the Fund for "Contingent Expenses in Japan" for the Quarter ending December 31st, 1856, showing balance in my hands of $318.08 Three Hundred & Eighteen dollars & Eight Cents.

There is still outstanding a Bill of the Japanese for materials & labour on the Flag Staff of this Consulate

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant.
Townsend Harris

To the Honorable William L. Marcy
Secretary of State
Washington
D. C.

No. 4. T. Harris. Simoda. 1 Jan. 1857

U. S. Consulate General
Simoda Japan Jan" 1: 1857.

Consul General
Townsend Harris

No: 4.

1 Enclosure

Received

Account of disbursements
for Contingent Expenses
in Japan.

Rec'd. from the Minister

No. 5

United States Consulate General
Simoda, Japan April 1st, 1857.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit my account of the fund for "Contingent Expenses in Japan" for the Quarter ending March 31st, 1857, showing a balance in my hands of $318.08 Three Hundred & Eighteen Dollars & Eight Cents.

There is outstanding a bill against this Consulate for Materials & labour furnished by the Japanese for the erection of the Flag staff of this Consulate.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Townsend Harris

To the Honorable William L. Marcy
Secretary of State,
Washington
D. C.

U. S. Consulate General

No. 5. T. Harris - Simoda 1 April 1857

U. S. Consulate General
Simoda Japan April 1/57.

Consul General
Townsend Harris.

No: 5.

1 Enclosure

Received.

Account of disbursements
for Contingent Expenses
in Japan

Rec'd Jany 4th 1858

No. 16

United States Consulate General.
Simoda Japan, April 1st, 1857

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit you herewith report of" Names of Persons employed at this Consulate.

I beg in this connexion to add, that I was born in the State of New York.

I have the honor to be.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant.

Townsend Harris

To the Honorable William L. Marcy
Secretary of State
Washington
D. C.

U.S. Consulate General

Names of persons employed by Uni

| Name | Place of Birth | Of what County a Citizen or Subject. |
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ited States Consul General at Simoda

| Rank | Date of Nomination | Date of Approval |
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| Interpreter | October 10th, 1855. | |

Townsend Harris

ted States Consulate General

Simoda, Japan, April 1st, 1857.

Enclosure

with Despatch No. 6.

List of Names of Persons employed at this Consulate.

No. 1.

April 1st. 1857.

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U.S. Consulate
Simoda Japan April 1/57.

Consul General
Townsend Harris

No. 6.

1 Enclosure

Relating to Names
of Persons employed
at this Consulate.

Rec'd St. Jany.
Regd
No: 7.

United States Consulate General
Simoda, Japan June 18th, 1857.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit herewith a Convention, which I have concluded with the Japanese Authorities, containing the following provisions. —No:1

Article 1. opens the Port of Nangasaki to American ships in want of repairs, supplies, Coals, &c.

Article 2. gives the right of permanent residence to American Citizens in the Ports of Simoda and Hakodade. It also provides, that a Vice Consul may be appointed to

To the Honorable
The Secretary of State
Washington
D. C.

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to reside at Hakodade.

Article 3. settles the currency question, and allows the Japanese (6) Six per Cent. for the expense of recoinage.

Article 4. provides that Americans committing offences in Japan, shall be tried by the Consul, according to American Laws.

Article 5. provides that when ships are in distress & are without money, that Merchandise shall be taken in payment for such supplies as they may require.

Article 6. & 7. relate to the rights of the United States Consul General.

Article 8. provides, that the Dutch Version of the Convention is to be regarded as explaining the true meaning of the instrument.

Article 9. declares that all the articles shall go into effect from the Date of the Convention, except Article 2. which is to take effect on the 4th of July, 1858.

Remarks

Remarks on the foregoing Articles.

Article 1. No perivilege of trade is granted at Nangasaki, and until a commercial Treaty shall be made, or the restrictions, under which the Dutch have conducted their Trade shall be abolished, I do not think it advisable to ask it.

At the same time, Nangasaki is of great importance to a steam communication between California & China: Steamers from California will make their eastern passage, by what is called the southern route, to enable them to profit by the North East trade winds & consequently this route passes near Nangasaki. At this Port they can replenish their Coals, water, &c. I am of opinion that this will remove one of the difficulties to a steam communication between California and China.

Article 2. grants to Americans a permanent residence at Simoda

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& Hakodade, & thus removes the vexatious questions that arose under the construction of the words "temporary residence", which are contained in the Treaty of Kanagawa.

This article also concedes the right of the Government of the United States, to appoint a Vice-Consul, to reside at Hakodade.

This last concession was made with great reluctance; they proposed that an agent should be sent, to bear the title of "Protector of Americans", to exercise Consular authority among his Countrymen, but not to be recognised by the Japanese Government. They objected to the title of Consul or of Commercial Agent, and I would respectfully suggest that the Commission for that officer should bear the title of Vice-Consul only, otherwise I fear the Japanese will refuse to recognise him.

At the urgent request of the

the Japanese, I consented that this Article should go into effect on the 4th of July 1858; deeming this short delay of little consequence, when compared with the great importance of the Article.

This Article will enable the whaling fleet in the North Pacific Ocean, to obtain all their supplies at Hakodade. At present when they are in want of anything included in the term "Ships Chandlery" they are compelled to go to the Sandwich Islands or to California. To this class of our shipping, this Article is of great value.

The introduction to this Article was inserted at the earnest request of the Japanese, as they declared, they dare not make so great a concession, without some reason for it, appearing on the face of the Article.

Article 3. In adjusting the question of the currency, I had much difficulty; one of the principal causes being the allegation of the Japanese, that the expense

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of their Coinage was Twenty Five Per Cent. I at last met this, by offering to introduce competent Moneyers, who would strike all their Coin for Five Per Cent. My offer was declined, and the allowance for recoinage settled at Six Per Cent.

To illustrate the operation of this Article, I would state, that where Americans have heretofore paid $100. One Hundred Dollars in silver, they will now only pay $34.50 Thirty Four Dollars & Fifty Cents.

I beg to call your particular attention to the gold Coin of Japan. In the United States, the relative value of gold to silver is as 1. to 16., but in Japan it is only 1. to 3 1/7., so that, altho' the Japanese give the same weight of their gold Coin, as the foreign Coin they receive, yet the loss on gold arising from

from the difference of relative value as between gold & silver is over 75 Per Cent.

I cannot say, what amount of alloy, there is in Japanese gold.

Article 4. As this places all Americans in Japan, under American Laws, to be administered by the Consul General or Consuls, I would respectfully suggest the necessity, of extending the act, Statutes at Large, volume 9. page 266. to Japan, to give the Consuls of the United States, the requisite authority, to execute this clause, adding the words "or Consul General" after the word "Commissioner", wherever it occurs in the act.

Article 5. This article was inserted on the principle of having all agreements with the Japanese in writing, as no reliance can be placed on their verbal promises.

Article 6 & 7. relating to the personal rights of the Consul

General

General were inserted in the Convention very reluctantly by me. I propos= ed to them, to have a separate instru= ment for them, but they were stubborn, and I had to yield, or lose the Articles.

Articles 8 & 9 do not require any comment.

The peculiar phraseology of the Articles arises from the fact, that the Japanese have but little knowledge of the terms used in Treaties, Con= ventions &c., and as they are ex= cessively suspicious, they fear that every word, that they do not fully understand, may contain some hid= den meaning, they therefor insist on using such terms, as they are best acquainted with. They even wished to have the words of the Dutch Version, stand in the same order, as they do in Japanese.

While I believe, there is no obsc= rity in the meaning of the Articles, I feel it due to myself, to explain the reason of the awkward manner, in which that meaning is sometimes expressed.

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The title of Excellency was taken by me very unwillingly. It is only those, who are well acquainted with Eastern Customs, that can fully appreciate the great importance, that attaches to titular distinctions, and in Japan such feelings are preëminent.

I have always met the Governors of Simoda on terms of perfect equality; to have admitted their superiority, in any respect, would have seriously injured my influence. They insisted on having the title of Excellency given to them, and I have been compelled also to assume it. In so doing I had no thought in my mind, except the good of the service, in which I am employed.

I hope that my action will meet with your approbation, and receive the approval of the President.

In your Dispatch of October 4th, 1855, I was informed, that it was reported, that the Japanese had interpolated the words "such as may be necessary for them" in the

the Seventh Article of the Treaty of Kanagawa, after the grant of the right of Trade, and I was directed to ascertain the correctness of the report. I accordingly desired the Governors of Simoda, to furnish me with a Copy of the Seventh Article of the Treaty, as it stood in their Version, which they sent to me. On examination, I find that the words, above alluded to, are not contained in it, and that the Article reads exactly, as it stands in our version.

The Convention, which I now transmit, contains clauses, covering all the other points, contained in your dispatch of October 4th, 1855. Lond

The Convention was virtually settled in March last, but in the absence of any means of transmitting it to you, the Japanese interposed constant delays, and it was only yesterday, that it was finally signed. In

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this connexion I beg to remark, that I have not received any dispatches from the Department since I left the United States (October 1855).

When at the Department of State, in September 1855, I was informed, that a man of war would visit Simoda every three months. Commodore Armstrong informed me, that he had not received any Orders, directing him, to revisit Japan, but, that he would either come here, or send a ship in March, 1857. What the causes are, that have prevented the dispatch of a ship I do not know.

I need not point out the importance, of my having the means of communicating with you, as often as three times a year. The voyage from Hongkong to this Port is only ten days, and from Shanghae seven days.

The occasional presence of a man of war here, would be of benefit to our interests, even if she only

No 7. T. Harris. Simoda. 18 June. 1857.

only remained a week.

I have not had an opportu..
nity of forwarding dispatches
to you, since my N: 21. of 1856.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant.

Townsend Harris

U.S. Consulate General
Simoda Japan June 18
57

Townsend Harris

No 7.

1 Enclosure

Receive:

Relating to Convention
with the Japanese.
Answer to Despat=
ment Letter Octo. 4/55
No dispatches receive
from Department of

Rec'd 29th Dec.

No: 8.

United States Consulate General
Simoda, Japan, June 30th, 1857.

Sir,

Hearing that an American ship is at Hakodade, I send this Dispatch to that place, to be forwarded by her, although I have but faint hopes, that it will be in time, as the Japanese consume 35 days on the road, although the distance is under 600 miles.

I hand you herewith Duplicate of a Convention, I have concluded with the Governors of Simoda.

In my No: 7. I entered into full

To the Honorable
The Secretary of State
Washington
D. C.

From Department of

full details of this document, but for reasons, that will be obvious to you, I do not now forward Duplicate of that Dispatch.

I have not received any despatches from the Department, since I left the United States. (October 1855)

When the San Jacinto left me here some ten months ago, Commodore Armstrong promised to send up one of his ships in the following March, but none have arrived. I am greatly embarassed by this inabiletty to hear from, or communicate with the Department.

Trusting the Convention will meet with the approbation of the President,

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully

Your obedient Sewant

Townsend Harris

No. 8. T. Harris. Simoda, 30 June. 1857.

U.S. Consulate General
Simoda Japan June 30/57.

Consul General
Townsend Harris

No. 8.

1 Enclosure.

Received.

Concerning Convention with the Japanese

For the purpose of
further regulating the intercourse
of American Citizens, within
the Empire of Japan, and after
due deliberation, His Excellency
Townsend Harris, Consul
General of the United States of
America, for the Empire of
Japan, and Their Excellencies
Inowouye Prince of Sinano,
and Nakamura ; Prince

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of Dewa, Governors of Simoda, all having Full Powers from their respective Governments, have agreed on the following Articles, to wit:

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The Port of Nangasaki, in the Principality of Hizen, shall be open to American Vessels, where they may repair damages, procure water, fuel, provisions, and other necessary Articles, even coals, where they are obtainable.

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It being known, that American Ships, coming to the Ports of Simoda and Hakodade, cannot have their wants supplied by the Japanese, it is

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This Article to go into effect on the Fourth Day of July Eighteen Hundred Fifty Eight.

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In settlement of accounts, the value of the money brought by the Americans, shall be ascertained by weighing it, with Japanese Coin, (gold and silver Itsebues) that is, gold with gold, and silver with silver, or weights representing Japanese Coin may be used, after such weights have been carefully examined, and found to be correct.

The value of the money of the Americans, having been thus ascertained, the Sum of Six

Per Cent

Per cent shall be allowed to the Japanese, for the expense of recoinage.

## Article Four.

Americans, committing offences in Japan, shall be tried by the American Consul General or Consul, and shall be punished according to American Laws.

Japanese, committing offences against Americans, shall be tried by the Japanese Authorities, and punished, according to Japanese Laws.

## Article Five.

American ships, which may resort to the Ports of Simoda, Hakodade or Nangasaki, for the purpose of obtaining

necessary

supplies, or to repair damages, shall pay for them in gold and silver, and if they have no money, goods shall be taken in exchange.

## Article Six.

The Government of Japan admits the right of His Excellency the Consul General of the United States, to go beyond the limits of Seven Ri, but has asked him to delay the use of that right, except in cases of emergency, shipwreck &c., to which he has assented.

## Article Seven.

Purchases for His Excellency the Consul General or his family, may be made by him only, or by some member of his family, and payment made

made to the seller, for the same, without the intervention of any Japanese Official, and for this purpose, Japanese Silver and copper coin, shall be supplied to His Excellency, the Consul General.

## Article Eight.

As His Excellency the Consul General of the United States of America has no knowledge of the Japanese language, nor Their Excellencies the Governors of Simoda, a knowledge of the English language, it is agreed that the true meaning shall be found in the Dutch Version of the Articles.

## Article Nine.

All the foregoing Articles shall go into effect from the

Date

Date hereof, except Article Two, which shall go into effect, on the Date indicated in it.

Done in quintuplicate, (each Copy being in English, Japanese and Dutch) at the Goyosso of Simoda, on the Seventeenth Day of June, in the Year of the Christian Era, Eighteen Hundred Fifty Seven, and of the Independence of the United States, the Eighty First, corresponding to the Fourth Japanese Year of Ansei, Mei; the Fifth Month, the Twenty Sixth Day, the English Version being Signed by His Excellency the Consul General of the United States of America, and the Japanese Version, by Their Excellencies, the Governors of Simoda.

Townsend Harris

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Met het oogmerk om de gemeenschap van Amerikaansche Burgers, binnen het Keizerrijk Japan, verder te regelen, en na behoorlijke beraadslaging Zijn, Hunne Excellentien Inowouye Prins van Sinano & Nakamoera Prins van Dewa, Gouverneurs van Simoda, en Zijne Excellentie Townsend Harris, Kon. Sul Generaal der Vereenigde Staten van Amerika voor het Keizerrijk Japan, alle hebbende onbepaalde volmagt van hunne respektieve Gouvernementen, over. eengekomen over de volgende Artikelen, te weten:

## Eerste Artikel

De Haven van Nagasaki in het Vorstendom Hizen Zal open Zijn voor Amerikaansche Schepen, alwaar Zij hunne Teeschade Zullen mogen herstellen, Zich met water, brandhout, leftogt en andere behoeften Zelfs Steenkolen voor. Zien, waar deze laatste te verkrijgen Zijn.

## Tweede Artikel

Het bekend zijnde, dat Amerikaansche Schepen, die naar de Havens van Simoda & Hakodate komen, niet door de Japanners van hunne behoeften kunnen worden voorzien, is het overeengekomen, dat Amerikaansche Burgers voortdurend mogen verblijf houden te Simoda en te Hakodate, en het Gouvernement der Verenigde Staten kan eenen Vice Konsul benoemen om in Hakodate te verblijven.

Dit Artikel is in werking te treden op den vierden dag van July Achtien Honderd, Acht en Vijftig.

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## Derde Artikel

De waarde van het geld, getragt door de Amerikanen, Zal bij het vereffenen der Rekeningen bepaald worden, door hetzelve te wegen met Japansche munt (gouden en Zilveren Itsibus), dat is, goud met goud en Zilver met Zilver, of gelijke Japansche munten voorstellende, mogen

gebruikt worden, nadat Zulke gewigten naauw-
keurigh onderzocht Zijn Zuiver te Zijn.
Nadat de waarde van het geld der Ameri-
kanen, Zoo Zal vastgestelt Zijn, Zal de
Som van Zes percent den Japanners te-
gestaan worden, voor de onkosten van her-
munting.

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## Vierde Artikel

Amerikanen, overtredingen in Japan
begaande, Zullen geoordeelt worden door
den Amerikaanschen Konsul Generaal
of Konsul en gestraft worden volgens
de Amerikaansche wetten.

Japanners, overtredingen begaande
tegen Amerikanen, Zullen door de Japan-
sche overheden geoordeelt worden, en
gestraft volgens Japansche wetten.

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## Vijfde Artikel

Wanneer Amerikaansche Schepen, in
de Havens van Simoda, Hakodate of Na-

gasaki komen, om zich de noodige behoef-
ten te verschaffen, of Zeeschade te herstel-
len, Zullen Zij dezelve met gouden of Zilve-
ren munt betalen; maar wanneer Zij geen
geld hebben, Zullen Zij dezelve met goede-
ren vergoeden.

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## Zesde Artikel

Het Gouvernement van Japan erkent
het regt van Zijne Excellentie den Konsul
Generaal der Vereenigde Staten, om bui-
ten de grenzen van Zeven Ri te gaan;
maar heeft hem gevraagd het gebruik
van dit regt uit te stellen, behalve in
gevallen van hoogen nood, Schipbreuk,
enz.; waarin hij heeft toegestemd.

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## Zevende Artikel

Inkoopen voor Zijne Excellentie den
Konsul Generaal of voor Zijn huisgezin,
mogen alleen door hem, of door een lid
van Zijn huisgezin gemaakt worden, en

betaling voor dezelve aan den verkooper gemaakt, zonder de tusschenkomst van eenig Japansch Beambte, en ten dien einde zal zijne Excellentie de Konsul Generaal met Japansch Zilver en koper-geld voorzien worden.

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## Achtste Artikel

Daar Hunne Excellentien de Gouverneurs van Simoda geene kennis van de Engelsche taal hebben, noch zijne Excellentie de Konsul Generaal der Vereenigde Staten van Amerika met de Japansche taal bekend is, is het overeengekomen, dat de ware meening te vinden is in de Hollandsche vertaling der Artikelen.

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## Negende Artikel

Alle de voorgaande Artikelen zullen van af de dagteekening dezes in werking treden, behalve het Tweede Artikel, dat in werking treden zal op den datum in

hetzelve aangewezen.

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Opgemaakt in quintuplikaat (ieder afschrift zijnde in het Japansch, Engelsch & Hollandsch) in de Gojosio van Simoda, in het vierde Japansche jaar van Ansei, de Elfde maand, Zes en twintigste dag, overeenkomende met den Zevenentienden dag van Juny in het jaar der christelijke tijdrekening achtien Honderd Zeven en Vijftig en van de onafhankelijkheid der Vereenigde Staten van Amerika het een en tachtigste, de Japansche vertaling zijnde geteekend door Hunne Excellentien de Gouverneurs van Simoda, en de Engelsche vertaling door Zijne Excellentie de Konsul Generaal der Vereenigde Staten van Amerika.

Rec'd Jany 4th Mail

No. 9.

United States Consulate General
Simoda Japan, July 1st, 1857.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit my account of disbursements made, under the Fund for "Contingent Expenses in Japan", for the Quarter ending June 30th, 1857, showing a balance in my hands of $275.31 Two Hundred Seventy Five Dollars & Thirty One Cents. — No. 1

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully
Your Obedient Servant

Townsend Harris

To the Honorable
The Secretary of State
Washington
D. C.

U.S. Consulate General
Simoda July 7/57.

Townsend Harris

No: 9

1 Enclosure

Covering account of
disbursements for
Contingent Expenses

No. 5, T. Harris, Simoda, 1 July, 1857

Rec'd Jany. Mr Murphee

No. 10.

United States Consulate General
Simoda Japan. July 1st, 1857.

Sir,

I have not sent to the Depart-
ment my private accounts, owing
to my being unable in Japan, to
dispose of my bills on London,
I am therefore, compelled to send
them to the nearest Port, where
American Merchants reside for
negociation. My draft for
Salary for the broken quarter ending
September 30th, 1856, I sent to
Shanghae for that purpose in
December last, but I have not as
yet received the returns for it.

My bills for my salary
for

To the Honorable
The Secretary of State
Washington
D. C.

for the Quarters ending December 31st 1856, March 31st, and June 30th 1857, are still in my possession, as I have not had an opportunity of forwarding them to Shanghai.

The money that I brought to Japan is now exhausted, and I am reduced to the mortifying necessity of asking credit from the Japanese for my daily supplies.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant

Townsend Harris

10. T. Harris - Simoda - July. 1857

U. S. Consulate General
Simoda Japan July 1/57.

Townsend Harris.

No 10

relating to my private accounts.

Recd 4 Nov. 1863.

Duplicate.

N: 8.

United States Consulate General
Simoda Japan June 30th, 1857.

Sir,

Hearing that an American ship, is at Hakodade, I send this dispatch to that place, to be forwarded by her, altho' I have but faint hopes, that it will be in time, as the Japanese consume 35 days on the road, altho' the distance is under 600 miles.

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In my N: 7, I entered into full details of this document, but for reasons, that will be obvious to you, I do not now forward Duplicate of that Despatch.

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To the Honorable
The Secretary of State.
Washington
D. C.

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pro: signed/ Townsend Harris.

with despatch № 11.

Duplicate of
despatch № 9.

№ 1.

Simoda June 30/57.

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(was signed) Townsend Harris

Recd 4th Jan 1863

No. 11.

United States Consulate General.
Simoda Japan. August 27th, 1857.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit herewith, number 1 Duplicate of my Despatch No. 8, & a copy of the inclosure contained in that Despatch, number 2. —1 —2

As no opportunity of communicating with the Department has occurred, since the Date of my No. 8, I send this to Nangasaki, to be forwarded to Batavia, by one of the Dutch Trading ships, & from that place it will go forward by a regular overland Mail.

For.

To the Honorable
The Secretary of State.
Washington.
D. C.

For reasons, that will be obvious to you, I do not forward my other Dispatches at this time, nor do I enter into any particulars, concerning the State of affairs here.

I am much annoyed by not being able to write to the Department regularly & at large, & at my not receiving any letters from you.

I have the honor to be.

Very respectfully.

Your obedient Servant.

Townsend Harris

U.S. Consulate General

Simoda Japan Aug 27/57.

Townsend Harris

No 11.

2 Enclosures.

Received.

Covering duplicate
of despatch No 9
and copy of Convention
with the Japanese

Rec'd Jany. 1860 Mr Marshall

No 12.

United States Consulate General
Simoda Japan. September 11th, 1859.

Sir

I have the honor to transmit you herewith Duplicate of my Despatch No 11, which I forwarded to you via Nangasaki. — No 1.

Whether the same will ever reach you is a question in my mind, but I deemed it to be my duty to make every effort, to forward despatches to the Department however uncertain, in the absence of any certain conveyance, for the same

I have the honor to be
with great respect.
Your obedient Servant.
Townsend Harris

To the Honorable Lewis Cass.
Secretary of State
Washington
D. C.

Simoda Japan Sep. 11/57.

Townsend Harris

N. 12.

Received

Accompanying duplicate of N: 11.

12. T. Harris - Simoda. 11 Sept. 1857.

Duplicate
No. 11.

United States Consulate General
Simoda Japan, August 27, 1857.

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Your obedient Servant.
/was signed/ Townsend Harris

Duplicate
No. 11 - T. Harris. Sinoda - 27 Aug.t 1857

with despatch N: 12.

duplicate of N: 11.

N: 1.

Sinoda Aug. 27/57.

No 2 2nd March Mr Marker

No: 13.

United States Consulate General,
Simoda, Japan, September 11th, 1857.

Sir,

The arrival here of the United States Sloop of war Portsmouth, Captain Foote, gives me the first safe opportunity of forwarding dispatches to the Department, that has offered since December 10th 1856.

It appears, that the Portsmouth was suddenly ordered from Shanghae to Japan, and, as no previous notice had been given at Hongkong of the intention to dispatch a vessel to Simoda, I did not receive any letters by her.

It is nearly two years, since I have received any dispatches from the Department. I learn, that there is a large number

To the Honorable Lewis Cass
Secretary of State
Washington
D. C.

number of letters for me at Hakodade, where they have remained nearly four months; but it is extremely uncertain, when I shall receive them. The stay of the Portsmouth at this place is very short; from this she proceeds to Hakodade, where she will remain for some weeks, & from thence return to Hong Kong passing along the East Coast of Nippon.

I regret that the orders of Captain Foote are so stringent, that he cannot touch here, on his return voyage, as with a loss of time not exceeding 24 hours, he could bring me the letters, now at Hakodade, among which I do not doubt are dispatches from the Department.

On the 8th of March last, the American Barque "Messenger Bird" of Boston arrived here. As she was bound on a trading voyage to the Amoor River, & the Coast of Kamschatka, & as under the arrangement made with Commodore Armstrong in August 1856, I had reason to look for the immediate arrival of an American Man of war at this Port, I did not write to the

the Department by her.

In June having lost all hopes of a visit from one of our men of war, I attempted to communicate with the Department, via Hakodade, & sent to the care of Mr. E. E. Rice, United States Commercial Agent at that place, Dispatch No. 8 of this year.

On the 27th. of August, I made another effort to communicate with the Department through the Dutch at Nagasaki, sending my dispatch No. 11, through them.

Duplicates of both these letters, will be found in my No. 12.

In my No. 20 of 1856, I had the honor to inform the Department of an effort, I had made to go to Yedo, for the purpose of communicating directly with the Council of State, with the view of initiating negociations for a Commercial Treaty.

I beg to refer to that dispatch, for the reasons, that prompted my action on that occasion.

To enter into a particular detail of all the negociations, that grew out of this attempt, and to record the conversations that ensued, in more than twenty interviews, each

each lasting from three to five hours, would render the present Dispatch both long & tedious, particularly as the same subject matter was frequently brought up, and gravely discussed by the Japanese, for the tenth time.

Early in January of the present Year, the Governors of Simioda informed me, that they had been directed to give me a verbal answer to my letter, addressed to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, & that they were authorised to receive the communications I had referred to, in that letter. I answered, that I could not receive from a third party, a verbal answer to a letter, written by me, & that I could not open the business referred to, until I had received a written reply to that letter. On the 8th. of January, I addressed the Minister of Foreign Affairs on this subject, a copy of which letter I transmit herewith

N:1. ___ numbered 1.

In February, I received a letter, signed by the Five Members of the Great Council of State, a copy of the Dutch Version of which, & an English translation

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of the same are herewith enclosed, number-
ed 2. The letter simply informed —— No. 2.
me, that the Governors of Simoda were
authorised to transact all business with
me.

At my first interview, I found that,
while the Governors had power to nego-
ciate with me, on all questions arising un-
der the Treaty of Kanagawa, they had
no power to enter into discussions, on the
subject of a Commercial Treaty; on
that point, they could only hear, what
I had to say, & communicate it to the
Government at Yedo. As to the letter
of the President, they requested me to deliver
it to them, promising it should be for-
warded with due honor to Yedo, & there
delivered to the Tiogoon. I informed
them, that the letter could only be deliver-
ed by me, at an audience of the
Tiogoon, & that I could not agree to any other
mode of delivering it. I also declined
to open to them, the important matters,
to which I had refered in my letters to
the Minister of Foreign Affairs, as they
could only be entered on, after I was satisfied

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as to the manner of delivering the letter of the President.

The Governors of Simoda, now anxiously entered on the discussion of the various points, which were finally included in the Convention signed June 17th, & which I had the honor to transmit to the Department with my dispatch N: 7 of this Year. These negociations were not brought to a close until the 24th of March.

The Governors of Simoda frequently assured me, that it was impossible for me, to have an audience of the Tiogoon, as the laws of Japan forbade it. As the Governors had also frequently assured me, that the Council of State was forbidden by the laws of Japan, to write any letters to Foreigners, & as the Council had written to me, I inferred that the law, forbidding audiences of the Tiogoon, would be found to be equally pliable. Under this impression I wrote to the Council of State under date of March 25th, a Copy of which N: 3 — is herewith transmitted, numbered 3.

On the 10th of June the Governors informed me, that they had received Full Powers under the Imperial seal, to negociate on all matters with me, & that they now hoped to put an end to all our difficulties. I proposed, that the Convention should be first executed, and after that we could enter on other matters. This was agreed to, and after settling the wording of the articles, a work of no little difficulty by the way, the Convention was signed on the 17th of the same month.

At my next interview with the Governors, I enquired, what proposals they had to make regarding the President's letter. To my surprise, they simply repeated the proposition of February, ie, that the letter should be delivered to them. They said that being by the imperial seal, constituted the representatives of the Tiogoon, the delivery of the letter to them, might be considered as a delivery of it, to the Tiogoon himself, & they were quite surprised, that I should object to the proposal; they repeated that they had the Imperial commands, to

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receive the letter, and that those commands must be obeyed. I replied, that while I was willing to pay all the honor to His Majesty, that could be properly demanded from me, as a Foreigner, yet I could not admit that his mandate was binding on me. A number of interviews took place, where the same subject was discussed, in the same manner, and always with the same result.

On the 8th of July, the Prince of Sinano, First Governor of Sinoda, left for Yedo, to communicate with the Government on the subject.

During this month, our interests here met with a great loss by the death of Abe, Prinse of Isen, second member of the Council of State. He was represented to me as a man of great capacity, who fully understood the present situation of Japan, as it regards Foreign Nations, & also appreciated both the necessity and advantages of an entire change of the Policy, that has ruled the Country for the last Two Hundred & Twenty Five Years.

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The Prince of Sinano returned to Simoda in August, & on the 14th of that Month, I had an interview with the two Governors. The Prince of Sinano informed me, that he had used every argument he could, to accomplish a satisfactory settlement of the questions at issue between us, and that he hoped I would accept the compromise he should offer to me. His proposition was in substance, that I should at once make the communications, I had referred to, & then I should proceed to Yedo, be received by the Council of State, and deliver the President's letter into the hands of Hotta, Prince of Bittsu, first member of the Council, whose functions are analagous to those of Prime Minister

I replied that the objection, that I had raised to their previous proposition, applied to their present proposal, that to deliver the letter in this manner, would dishonor the President, I added that their refusal to grant me an audience of the Tiogoon, for the purpose of delivering the letter, bore the appearance of an

attempt

attempt to assert a superiority over the United States, that could not fail to give offence, that to defer the delivery of the letter until I had made the communications they desired, was to slight the letter and its writer, that the letter referred to what I had to communicate to them, and must be first delivered. This is in substance, what took place at this, and a number of other interviews.

At all the interviews, the Governors were very urgent, to have me make the communications so often referred to; they appealed to my friendly feelings towards them, assuring me that a failure now, would be certain ruin. As a last effort the Prince of Sirano said to me in a serious manner, that if I persisted in my refusal, that he should not be able, to meet me again in a pleasant manner". The meaning of this remark is, that he should be compelled to perform the Hara-kiri ie. rip himself up.

This remark had been made

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a number of times before, but I had al=
ways met it, with some playful observa=
tion; on this occasion however I met
it seriously. I said, I hoped that
remark would not be repeated to me,
that while I should deeply regret any
misfortune, that might happen to either
of the Governors, yet I could not be
held responsible for it. That my
duty was to my Government & to that
alone; that I should endeavour to per=
form my duty faithfully, & that in so
doing, I could not regard any conse=
quences to others, that the remark had
the appearance of a wish on their part to
cause me to neglect my public duty
from private considerations.

The Governors now said, that
they had nothing more to offer, I then
remarked as that was the case, I would
write to the Council of State, making
a formal demand of an audience
of the Tiogoon, & that I would trans=
mit its answer to my Government, &
then wait for further instructions. The
Governors requested me to delay writing

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that letter for a few days to which I assented.

On the 7th. of the present month, the Governors requested me to meet them, and at this interview to my agreeable surprise, they yielded every point, they had so strongly contested for eight months.

They said, they were ordered to inform me, that I was to proceed to Yedo, with every honor, that on my arival, I was to have an immediate interview with the Prime Minister, & on the first ensuing fortunate day, I should have a public audience of the Tiogoon, & at that audience, I should deliver the President's letter.

So far as I am concerned, the ceremony of the audience, is to be conducted precisely, as it would be, at any of the Courts of Europe. A faint request was made, that I would prostrate myself in the Japanese manner. I replied, that when a Japanese minister should be presented to the President at Washington, he might prostrate himself, if he chose to do so, but he would be at liberty to make his salutations, in the manner

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most agreeable to himself. The Governors informed me, that it would require nearly two months, to complete the necessary arrangements for my journey & reception. I shall not therefore leave Sinoda before the month of November.

I felt some embarassment on the subject of presents, & opened it to the Governors. They asked me, what the custom was, in Europe & America. I answered, that presents were never made, & that the custom was confined solely to the Courts of Asia. They promptly answered, that they thought the Western mode the best, & would adopt it, in Japan. They gave me to understand however, that some trifling presents of books, wines, cordials, &c. &c. would be willingly accepted, & I shall take with me, such articles as I have, but I shall not offer any of them until after my audience, as I wish to avoid the slightest appearance, of being a "bearer of tribute".

The Japanese inform me, that my reception, & the ceremonies attending it, are to form the precedent, by which their

their future intercourse with Western Nations, is to be regulated.

It is impossible for me, to foretell the results, that may follow my visit to Yedo. I think it an important point gained, to have brought this haughty & exclusive Government, to acknowledge our perfect equality with them, and a pleasing consideration attends it, in the fact, that it has been accomplished, without any display of force. The Japanese with truth may assert, that they have yielded to reason and justice, & not to force. The residence of a Representative of the United States at Yedo, is now only a question of time. How far I may be able to proceed in negociating a Commercial Treaty, on the occasion of my visit, is more, than I can say. I feel that, although I may not be able to complete one immediately, yet nothing will be lost, on the contrary much will be gained

The display of a respectable naval force would secure a Treaty at once, but it would be a questionable policy in my mind. The Japanese are as

proud

proud a people, as any on earth, & the humiliation, that would attend a Treaty so obtained, would not fail to leave a sore feeling in their minds. Innumerable secret efforts would be made, to defeat the full benefits, that would flow from a Treaty, to which they could give a cordial assent, not only as to its provisions, but also as to the manner, in which it was obtained.

I hope my action in this matter will meet your approbation, & be approved by the President.

I have no authority for the necessary expense, that must unavoidably attend my visit to Yedo, but I trust you will authorise me, to charge it to the Contingent expenses of the Consulate. I shall use every economy consistent with the honor of the United States, & I do not fear to refer to my Siamese accounts, for an example of my prudence.

I am happy to state, that my relations with the Japanese Authorities, are of the most agreeable kind. By pursuing a mild yet firm course, I have broken down, one after another a great

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number of absurd regulations, calculated to restrain my liberty, yet in so doing, I have not in any case, caused unpleasant feelings. With the exception of the limit of 7 Ri, to which I have voluntarily confined myself for a short period. I am as free, as I would be in the City of Washington. I have never been molested or annoyed in any way by the People, and although my house has more than twenty doors, not one of which has either lock, bolt or bar, I have not been robbed of the most trifling article, in a year's residence here. When I consider the condition of Society on the Continent of Asia & in the Islands of the Indian Archipulago, I cannot but praise the security for person & property, that is found in Japan.

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Townsend Harris

Consul at Japan Sept 1857.

Townsend Harris

No 13

3 Enclosures

Received.

Arrival of the Portsmouth

No dispatches from department

Negociations with the Japanese

Am to go to Yedo, have

an audience of the Tiogoon,

& deliver letter from

the President.

Copy.

Consulate General of the United States of America.

Simoda Japan January 8th 1857.

To His Excellency
The Minister of Foreign Affairs
for the Empire of Japan

I had the honor to address a letter to Your Excellency on the 25th of October last, informing you, that I had been charged by my Government, with various important communications for the Government of Japan, & that I was the bearer of a letter from the President of the United States, addressed to His Majesty the Emperor. I beg to refer Your Excellency to that letter for other particulars contained therein.

The Governors of Simoda have informed me, that they have received a communication from Your Excellency,

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and that they are prepared to give me a verbal answer to my letter of the 25th of October.

In adopting this course I am unwilling to believe, that any slight was intended to the President of the United States, or to me as his Representative, but to receive a verbal answer to a letter referring to the President of the United States, from a third person, would be considered exceedingly indecorous and improper. Courtesy and politeness both require, that a letter containing such important matters, should be answered by the person, to whom it was addressed. I am willing to believe, that this was not an intentional discourtesy, but arises from want of information on the subject, and that Your Excellency will hasten to rectify the error, in which you have inadvertently fallen.

Japan is at this moment threatened with great calamities; these calamities are close at hand; they threaten equally her national honor

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the welfare of her People. They do not emanate from the United States, but from other Governments.

I am convinced in my own mind, that I can point out to Your Excellency a safe and honorable remedy against these threatened evils, which will not only save the honor of Japan, but greatly promote the prosperity and the happiness of the Empire; but to make these measures of any avail, no time must be lost. It may even now be too late, but I hope with prompt action, that you still may be in time.

In adopting this course, I am simply carrying out the orders of the President of the United States, to give every proof of his friendship to the Government of Japan.

I have the honor to inform Your Excellency, that the President of the United States in addition to my powers as Consul General, has

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also given me Plenipotentiary Powers, therefore I can act promptly and without waiting to refer to my Government.

I would therefore urge Your Excellency to order arrangements to be made for my visit to Yedo, without delay.

I have the honor to renew to Your Excellency, the assurance of my most distinguished considera-tion.

// was signed // Townsend Harris.

Enclosure with despatch No: 13

Copy of letter to the Ministr of Foreign Affairs. Yedo.

No: 1

Kanagawa. January 8/57

Copy.

Translaat van het schriftelyk antwoord.

Aan Zyne Excellentie
Townsend Harris,
Consul Generaal van de Ver.
enigde Staten van Noord-Amerika.

Den brief van de negende maand des verleden jaars over het bevel van Zyne Majesteit den President en verdere omstandigheden, om eene gewigtige Zaak betreffende den Japanschen staat met de Ver. enigde Staten ons in persoon mede te deelen, en zelfs de nadere schriftelyke mededeling van de twaalfde maand, beiden hebben wy wel gelezen; Dan, daar er, sedert de havens van Simoda en Hakodate geopend, de gouverneurs

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op beide plaatsen aangesteld en
hun toevertrouwd zyn om alle
zaken van de beide Ryken te be-
handelen, en dus het mede deelen
aan de Gouverneurs van de voor-
melde plaatsen, zoo er iets, hoewel
belangryk, te berigten, hetzelfde is
als het ons in persoon plaats vindt,
Zoo zal het goed weezen, om getrou-
welyk met de gouverneurs te beraad-
slagen, het welk wy te kennen
geven.

In het jaar Ansei, vierde Mi
eerste maand.

Hotta Bittsjunokami (L.S)
Abé Isenokami (L.S)
Makino Bizen no kami (L.S)
Kuzé Yamato no kami (L.S)
Naito Kuno kami (L.S)

met het originel rigtig
/s.gnd/ Moriyama Takitsiro

English Translation

Translation of the written answer.

To His Excellency
Townsend Harris
Consul General of the United States
of North America.

We have duly perused both, the letter of the Ninth Month of last year concerning the order of His Majesty the President & other circumstances, & to communicate to us, in person, an important matter relating to the Japanese Empire and the United States, and the later written communication of the twelfth month. But, since the opening of the Harbours of Simoda & Hakodate, Governors have been appointed for both places, and all the affairs of both Countries have been confided to their management; therefore, to communicate

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any thing, however important, to the Governors of the above mentioned places, is the same, as if it had been done to us in person, so it will be well to deliberate faithfully with the Governors, which we bring to your knowledge.

In the Fourth Year of Ansei, Hi, first Month.

Hotta Bittsjunokami (L.S.)
Abé Isenokami (L.S.)
Makino Bizennokami (L.S.)
Kuze Jamatonokami (L.S.)
Naito Kanokami (L.S.)

according to the original
/signed/ Moriyama Takitsiro
a true Translation
H. G. Williams

With Despatch No: 13

Copy of Dutch version of a letter from the "Governor, Council of State," & English Translation of the same

No: 2.

Ditto do. February 1858

Copy.

Consulate General of the United States of America.
Simoda, Japan, March 28th, 1857.

To Their Excellencies
Hotta Prince of Bittsyu
Abé Prince of Isen
Makino Prince of Bizen
Kuze Prince of Inato
Naito Prince of Kii.

Members of the Council of State
&, &, &.
Yedo.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a letter, signed by Your Excellencies, dated the Fourth Year of Ansei. Mei, First Month, purporting to be in answer to two letters, written by me, dated the 25th of October 1856 & the 8th of January 1857 respectively, & addressed to "His Excellency the Minister of Foreign Affairs at Yedo."

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Your letter simply informs me, that any communication, made to the Governors of Simoda, would be the same, as if made to you at Jedo.

The contents of my letters may be stated under three heads. The first, that I am the bearer of a letter from the President of the United States, addressed to His Majesty the Emperor of Japan.

The second, that I have been directed by my Government, to make certain communications, having an important bearing on the relations between the two Countries, and the President has given me special & Full Powers, for such negociations, as might arise.

The third, that I have personal knowledge of the intentions of the English Government in relation to this Empire, which I offered to communicate to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, when I should see him at Jedo.

In consequence of the proffer of a verbal answer to my letter of

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October 25th, 1856, I wrote in my
letter of January 8th 1857. "that to re-
" ceive a verbal answer from a third
" person, to a letter referring to the
" President of the United States, would
" be considered exceedingly indecorous
" & improper. Courtesy & politeness
" both require, that a letter contain-
" ing such important matters, shall
" be answered by the Person, to whom it
" was addressed. I am willing to
" believe, that this was not an inten-
" tional discourtesy, but arises from
" want of information on the sub-
" ject, & that Your Excellency will
" hasten to rectify the error, into which
" you have inadvertently fallen."

The hope expressed, that the error would be rectified has been dissipated by your letter, & it appears, that the course then adopted, was maturely considered, as your letter does not contain any reference to the letter of the President.

A letter written by the head of a great Nation, and addressed to the Sovereign

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of another Nation is no ordinary communication; it is to be treated with honor and respect; to neglect it, is to cast a slight on the high Writer, & on the Nation he represents. It will be my duty to inform my Government that, although more than five months have elapsed, since I informed you, that I was the Bearer of a letter from the President of the United States, addressed to the Emperor of Japan, yet you have not taken any notice of it.

The first Article of the Treaty of Kanagawa says, that there shall be "a sincere & cordial amity between "the United States of America on one "part, & the Empire of Japan on the other part."

The President will see with concern, that the amity promised in that article on the part of Japan is but of little value, & notwithstanding the solemn promise then made, a letter signed with his own hand, has been treated with disrespect.

It is not for me to indicate the course, the President will adopt, under these unpleasant & unexpected circumstances, but I have no doubt, that it will be such, as will be calculated to vindicate his honor, & that of his Country

Under the second division of my letter, I have to say, that I cannot open the important matters, with which I am charged, to the Governors of Simoda, for the reason, that they have no Full Powers; they can only hear, what I have to say, & report to the Government at Jedo. To open my mission, to persons not having Powers corresponding with my own, would be derogatory to my Government.

Over six months have lapsed since I opened some matters of minor importance, with the Governors of Simoda, yet, from the necessity of their making constant reference to Jedo, no conclusions have been arrived at. In my letter of October 25th, I specially referred to the distance of Simoda from Jedo, as a strong objection to

negociating

negociating here, & urged the importance of having the consultations held, where immediate reference could be had, to the Government of Japan.

The third head of my letter refers to my personal offer to communicate valuable information to the Government of Japan. I have no right to complain, that you decline, accepting my most friendly offer on my terms; but that does not bind me, to make the communication on yours.

Self respect forbids my opening the subject at any other place, than that heretofore named by me.

I am daily expecting the arrival here of an American man of war, by her, I must write to my Government an account of the action of the Government of Japan. I most earnestly hope, that you will by prompt action, make due amends, for the acts of which I complain, & that you will enable me, to inform my Government, that you fully reciprocate its friendly feelings

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Such a conclusion will give me the highest satisfaction, for it has been my constant labor, during the whole time, I have been in Japan, to foster & encourage, the sincere friendship, that I know is entertained by the President of the United-States.

I avail myself of this opportunity, to assure Your Excellencies of my distinguished consideration

/ was signed / Townsend Harris.

with despatch N. 13

Copy of letter to
the Council of State

No 3.

Simoda March 28/57.

Rec'd. Dear Mr Marcy.

No: 14.

United States Consulate General
Simoda Japan. October 1st, 1857.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit my account of disbursements — No. 1
made under the fund "for Contingent Expenses in Japan" for the Quarter ending September 30th, 1857, showing a Balance in my hands of $275.31/100 Two Hundred & Seventy five Dollars & Thirty one cents, there not having been any expenditure during the Quarter.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Townsend Harris

To the Honorable Lewis Cass.
Secretary of State
Washington
D. C.

Simoda Japan, Oct 1. 1857.

Townsend Harris

No 14.

1 Enclosure

Received.

Covering account of disbursements for Contingent Expenses in Japan.

Rec'd 30. Nov. Mr Marcy.

No. 15.

United States Consulate General
Simoda, Japan, October 1. 1857.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit you herewith duplicates of my Numbers 7 & 13.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant.
Townsend Harris

To the Honorable Lewis Cass
Secretary of State
Washington
D. C.

Simoda Japan Oct. 1/57.

Townsend Harris

No 15.

2 Enclosures

Received.

Covering duplicates
of dispatches 7 & 13.

Duplicate

N: 7.

United States Consulate General
Sinoda, Japan, June 18th, 1857.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit herewith, a Convention, which I have concluded with the Japanese Authorities, containing the following provisions.

Article 1. opens the Port of Nagasaki to American ships, in want of repairs, supplies, Coals &c.

Article 2. gives the right of permanent residence to American Citizens in the Ports of Sinoda & Hakodade. It also provides that a Vice Consul may be appointed, to reside at Hakodade.

Article 3. settles the Currency question, & allows the Japanese (6) Six Per Cent for the expense of recoinage.

Article 4 provides that Americans

Committing

To the Honorable
The Secretary of State
Washington
D. C.

committing offences in Japan, shall be tried by the Consul, according to American Laws.

Article 5. provides, that, when ships are in distress & are without money, that merchandise shall be taken in payment for such supplies, as they may require.

Article 6 & 7, relate to the rights of the United States Consul General.

Article 8. provides, that the Dutch Version of the Convention, is to be regarded, as explaining the true meaning of the instrument.

Article 9. declares, that, all the articles shall go into effect, from the date of the Convention, except article 2, which is to take effect on the fourth of July, 1858.

Remarks on the foregoing Articles:

Article 1. No privilege of trade is granted at Nagasaki; & until a Commercial Treaty shall be made, or the restrictions, under which the Dutch have conducted their trade, shall be abolished, I do not think it advisable to ask it.

At the same time, Nagasaki is of great importance to a steam communication between California & China.

Steamers from California, will make their

their Eastern passage, by what is called the Southern route, to enable them to profit by the North East Trade winds, & consequently this route passes near Nagasaki. At this Port, they can replenish their coals, water, &c. I am of opinion, that this will remove one of the difficulties, to a steam-communication between California & China.

Article 2. grants to Americans a permanent residence at Simoda & Hakodade, & thus removes the vexatious questions, that arose under the construction of the words "temporary residence", which are contained in the Treaty of Kanagawa.

This Article also concedes the right of the Government of the United States, to appoint a Vice-Consul, to reside at Hakodade. This last concession was made with great reluctance, they proposed, that an Agent should be sent, to bear the title of "Protector of Americans", to exercise Consular authority among his Countrymen, but not to be recognised by the Japanese Government.

They objected to the title of Consul

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or of Commercial Agent, & I would respectfully suggest that the commission for that officer, should bear the title of Vice Consul only, otherwise I fear the Japanese will refuse, to recognise him.

At the urgent request of the Japanese, I consented that this Article should go into effect on the 4th of July 1859 deeming this short delay of little consequence, when compared with the great importance of the Article.

This Article will enable the whaling fleet in the North-Pacific Ocean, to obtain all their supplies at Hakodade. At present, when they are in want of any thing, included in the term "Ship-Chandlery", they are compelled to go to the Sandwich Islands or to California

To this class of our Shipping, this Article is of great value.

The introduction to this Article was inserted at the earnest request of the Japanese, as they declared, they dare not make so great a concession, without some reason for it, appearing on the face of the Article.

Article 3. In adjusting the question of the Currency. I had much difficulty,

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one of the principal causes being the allegation of the Japanese, that the expense of their coinage was Twenty Five per Cent.

I at last met this, by offering to introduce competent Moneyers, who would strike all their Coin for five per Cent. My offer was declined, & the allowance for recoinage settled at Six Per Cent.

To illustrate the operation of this Article, I would state, that where Americans have heretofore paid $100. One Hundred Dollars in Silver, they will now only pay $34.50 Thirty four Dollars & fifty Cents.

I beg to call your particular attention to the gold Coin of Japan. In the United States, the relative value of gold to silver is as 1. to 16., but in Japan it is only 1 to 3 1/7, so that altho' the Japanese, give the same weight of their gold Coin, as the foreign Coin, they receive, yet the loss on gold, arising from the difference of relative value, as between gold & silver is over 75 per Cent I cannot say, what amount of alloy, there is in Japanese gold.

Article 4. As this places all Americans

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in Japan, under American Laws, to be administered by the Consul General or Consuls, I would respectfully suggest, the necessity of extending the Act, Statutes at large, volume 9, page 266, to Japan, to give the Consuls of the United States, the requisite authority, to execute this clause, adding the words "or Consul General", after the word "Commissioner, wherever it occurs in the act.

Article 5. This Article was inserted on the principle, of having all aguements with the Japanese in writing, as no reliance can be placed on their verbal promises.

Articles 6. & 7. relating to the personal rights of the Consul General, were inserted in the Convention very reluctantly by me. I proposed to them, to have a separate instrument for them, but they were stubborn, & I had to yield or lose the Articles.

Articles 8. & 9. do not require any comment.

The peculiar phraseology of the Articles, arises from the fact, that the Japanese have but little knowledge

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of the terms used in Treaties, Conventions &c.,
& as they are excessively suspicious, they
fear, that every word, that they do not fully
understand, may contain some hidden
meaning, they therefore insist on using
such terms, as they are best acquainted with.

They even wished, to have the words of
the Dutch Version, stand in the same
order, as they do in Japanese.

While I believe, there is no obscu=
rity in the meaning of the Articles, I
feel it due to myself, to explain the reason
of the awkward manner, in which that
meaning is sometimes expressed.

The title of Excellency was taken
by me very unwillingly. It is only
those, who are well acquainted with Eas=
tern Customs, that can fully appreciate
the great importance, that attaches to
titular distinctions, and in Japan such
feelings are preëminent.

I have always met the Governors of
Simoda on terms of perfect equality, to
have admitted their superiority in any
respect, would have seriously injured my
influence. They insisted on having

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the title of Excellency given to them, & I have been compelled, also to assume it. In so doing, I had no thought in my mind except the good of the service in which I am employed.

I hope that my action will meet with your approbation, & receive the approval of the President.

In your dispatch of October 4th, 1855, I was informed, that it was reported, that the Japanese had interpolated the words "such as may be necessary for them," in the Seventh article of the Treaty of Kanagawa, after the grant of the right of Trade, and I was directed to ascertain the correctness of that report.

I accordingly desired the Governors of Simoda to furnish me with a Copy of the Seventh article of the Treaty, as it stood in their Version, which they sent to me. On examination I find that the words above alluded to, are not contained in it, & that the Article reads exactly, as it stands in our version.

The Convention, which I

now

now transmit contains clauses, cover-
ing all the other points contained in
your dispatch of October 4th, 1855.

The Convention was virtually
settled in March last, but in the absence
of any means of transmitting it to you,
the Japanese interposed constant
delays, & it was only yesterday, that
it was finally signed. In this
connexion I beg to remark, that I
have not received any dispatches from
the Department, since I left the
United States (October 1855).

When at the Department of
State in September 1855, I was inform-
ed, that a man of war would visit
Simoda, every three months. Com-
modore Armstrong informed me, that
he had not received any orders, direct-
ing him to visit Japan, but that
he would either come here, or send a
ship, in March, 1857. What the
causes are, that have prevented the
dispatch of a ship, I do not know.

I need not point out the impor-
tance, of my having the means

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of communicating with you, as often as three times a year. The voyage from Hongkong to this Port, is only ten days, & from Shanghae Seven days.

The occasional presence of a man of war here, would be of benefit to our interests, even if she only remained a week.

I have not had an opportunity of forwarding dispatches to you, since my No: 21 of 1856.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
//was Signed// Townsend Harris.

with dispatch No: 15

Duplicate of dispatch No: 7

No: 1.

Simoda June 18/57.

Duplicate.

No: 13.

United States Consulate General
Simoda, Japan, September 11th, 1857.

Sir,

The arrival here of the United States sloop of war Portsmouth, Captain Foote, gives me the first safe opportunity of forwarding dispatches to the Department, that has offered since December 10th, 1856.

It appears, that the Portsmouth was suddenly ordered from Shanghae to Japan, and, as no previous notice had been given at Hong-kong of the intention to dispatch a vessel to Simoda, I did not receive any letters by her.

It is nearly two years since I have received any dispatches from the Department.

I learn, that there is a large number of letters.

To the Honorable Lewis Cass
Secretary of State
Washington
D. C.

letters for me at Hakodade, where they have remained nearly four months, but it is extremely uncertain, when I shall receive them.

The stay of the Portsmouth at this place is very short. From this she proceeds to Hakodade, where she will remain for some weeks, & from thence return to Hongkong, passing along the East Coast of Niphon. I regret, that the orders of Captain Foote are so stringent, that he cannot touch here, on his return voyage, as with a loss of time not exceeding twenty four hours, he could bring me the letters, now at Hakodade, among which I do not doubt are dispatches from the Department.

On the 8th of March last, the American Barque Messenger Bird of Boston arrived here. As she was bound on a trading voyage to the Amoor River, & the Coast of Kamschatka, and under the arrangement made with Commodore Armstrong, in August, 1856, I had reason to look for the immediate arrival of an American Man of war at this port, I did not write to the Department by her.

In June, having lost all hopes of a visit from one of our men of war, I attempted to communicate with the Department via

via Hakodade, & sent to the care of Mr. E. E. Rice, United States Commercial Agent at that place, Dispatch N: 8 of this year.

On the 27th of August, I made another effort, to communicate with the Department, through the Dutch at Nagasaki, sending my dispatch N: 11, through them.

Duplicates of both these letters, will be found in my N: 12.

In my N: 20 of 1856, I had the honor to inform the Department, of an effort I had made, to go to Yedo, for the purpose of communicating directly with the Council of State, with the view of initiating Negociations for a Commercial Treaty. I beg to refer to that Dispatch for the reasons that prompted my action on that occasion.

To enter into a particular detail, of all the Negociations, that grew out of this attempt, & to record the conversations, that ensued in more than twenty interviews, each lasting from three to five hours, would render the present dispatch both long & tedious, particularly as the same subject matter was frequently brought up

up, & gravely discussed by the Japanese, for the tenth time.

Early in January of the present year, the Governors of Simoda informed me, that they had been directed, to give me a verbal answer, to my letter, addressed to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, & that they were authorized to receive the communications, I had referred to in that letter.

I answered, that I could not receive from a third party, a verbal answer to a letter, written by me, & that I could not open the business referred to, until I had received a written reply to that letter.

On the 8th of January I addressed the Minister of Foreign Affairs on this subject, a copy of which letter, I transmit herewith, numbered 1.

In February. I received a letter signed by the five members of the Great Council of State, a copy of the Dutch version of which and an English translation of the same, are herewith enclosed numbered 2. The letter simply informed me, that the Governors of Simoda, were authorised, to transact all business

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with me.

At my first interview, I found, that while the Governors had power to negociate with me, on all questions, arising under the Treaty of Kanagawa, they had no power to enter into discussions, on the subject of a Commercial Treaty; on that point they could only hear what I had to say, & communicate it, to the Government at Yedo.

As to the letter of the President, they requested me to deliver it, to them, promising it should be forwarded, with due honor to Yedo, and there delivered to the Tiogoon. I informed them, that the letter could only be delivered by me, at an audience of the Tiogoon, & that I could not agree to any other mode of delivering it.

I also declined to open to them, the important matters, to which I had referred in my letters, to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, as they could only be entered on, after I was satisfied, as to the manner of delivering the letter of the President.

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The Governors of Simoda, now anxiously entered on the discussion, of the various points, which were finally included, in the Convention, signed June 17th & which I had the honor to transmit to the Department, with my dispatch N: 7 of this Year. These negociations were not brought to a close, until the 24th of March.

The Governors frequently assured me, that it was impossible for me, to have an audience of the Tiogoon, as the laws of Japan forbade it. As the Governors had also frequently assured me, that the Council of State was forbidden by the laws of Japan, to write any letters to Foreigners, and as the Council had written to me, I inferred that the laws, forbidding audiences of the Tiogoon, would be found to be equally pliable. Under this impression I wrote to the Council of State, under date of March 25th, a copy of which, is herewith transmitted, numbered 3.

On the 10th of June, the Governors of Simoda informed me, that they had received Full Powers, under the Imperial Seal.

zeal, to negociate on all matters with me, and that they now hoped, to put an end to all our difficulties. I proposed, that the Convention, should be first executed, and after that, we could enter on other matters. This was agreed to, and after settling the wording of the Articles, a work of no little difficulty by the way, the Convention was signed on the 17th of the same month.

At my next interview, with the Governors, I enquired what proposals they had to make regarding the President's letter. To my surprise, they simply repeated the proposition of February, ie., that the letter should be delivered to them. They said, that being by the Imperial seal constituted the representatives of the Tiogoon, the delivery of the letter to them, might be considered as a delivery of it, to the Tiogoon himself, and they were quite surprised, that I should object to the proposal, they repeated that they had the Imperial Commands to receive the letter, & that those commands must be obeyed. I replied, that while I was

was willing to pay all the honor to His Majesty, that could properly be demanded from me, as a Foreigner, yet I could not admit, that his mandate was binding on me.

A number of interviews took place, where the same subject was discussed, in the same manner, & always with the same result.

On the 8th of July, the Prince of Sinano, first Governor of Simoda, left for Yedo, to communicate with the Government on the subjects.

During this month, our interests here, met with a great loss, by the death of Abe. Prince of Isen, second member of the Council of State. He was represented to me, as a man of great capacity, who fully understood the present situation of Japan, as it regards Foreign Nations, and also appreciated, both the necessity, and advantages, of an entire change of the Policy, that has ruled the Country, for the last Two Hundred & Twenty Five Years.

The Prince of Sinano returned to Simoda in August, & on the 14th of that Month, I had an interview with the

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two Governors. The Prince of Sinano informed me, that he had used every argument, he could, to accomplish a satisfactory settlement of the question, at issue between us, & that he hoped I would accept the compromise he should offer to me. His proposition was, in substance, that I should at once make the communications, I had referred to, & then I should proceed to Yedo, be received by the Council of State, & deliver the President's letter, into the hands of Hotta Prince of Bittsu, first member of the Council, whose functions are analogous to those of Prime Minister.

I replied, that the objection, that I had raised to their previous proposition, applied to their present proposal, that to deliver the letter in this manner would dishonor the President; I added that their refusal to grant me an audience of the Tiogoon, for the purpose of delivering the letter, bore the appearance of an attempt, to assert a superiority over the United States, that could not fail to give offence, that to defer the delivery of the letter, until I had made the communications they desired, was

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to slight the letter, & its writer, that the letter refered, to what I had to communicate to them, and must be first delivered.

This is in substance, what took place at this, and a number of other interviews

At all the interviews, the Governors were very urgent to have me make the communications, so often refered to, they appealed to my friendly feelings towards them, assuring me, that a failure now, would be their certain ruin. As a last effort, the Prince of Sisiano said to me, in a serious manner, that if I persisted in my refusal, that, "he should not be able to meet me again in a pleasant manner." The meaning of this remark is, that he should be compelled, to perform the Hara-Kiri, ie. rip himself up. This remark had been made a number of times before, but I had always met it, with some playful observation. On this occasion however I met it seriously. I said, I hoped that remark would not be repeated to me, that while I should deeply regret any misfortune,

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might happen to any of the Governors, yet I could not be held responsible for it, that my duty was to my Government & to that alone, that I should endeavour to perform my duty faithfully, & that in so doing, I could not regard any consequences to others, that the remark had the appearance of a wish on their part, to cause me, to neglect my Public duty from private considerations.

The Governors now said, that they had nothing more to offer; I then remarked, as that was the case, I would write to the Council of State, making a formal demand of an audience of the Tiogoon, & that I would transmit its answer to my Government, & then wait for further instructions. The Governors requested me to delay writing that letter for a few days, to which I assented. On the 7th. of the present month, the Governors requested me to meet them, and at this interview to my agreeable surprise, they yielded every point they had so strongly contested

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for eight months. They said, they were ordered to inform me, that I was to proceed to Yedo, with every honor, that on my arrival, I was to have, an immediate interview, with the prime Minister, and on the first ensuing fortunate day, I should have a public audience of the Tiogoon, and at that audience I should deliver the President's letter.

So far as I am concerned, the ceremony of the audience is to be conducted, precisely as it would be, at any of the Courts of Europe. A faint request was made, that I would prostrate myself in the Japanese manner. I replied, that when a Japanese Minister, should be presented to the President at Washington, he might prostrate himself, if he chose to do so, but he would be at liberty to make his salutations, in the manner most agreeable to himself.

The Governors informed me, that it would nearly require two months, to complete the necessary arrangements for my journey and reception. I shall not therefore leave Simoda, before the month of

of November. I felt some em=
barassment on the subject of presents, &
opened it to the Governors. They ask=
ed me, what the Custom was in Europe
and America. I answered that presents
were never made, and that the custom
was confined solely, to the Courts of Asia.

They promptly answered, that
they thought the Western mode the best,
and would adopt it in Japan. They
gave me to understand however, that
some trifling presents of books, wines,
cordials &. &., would be willingly ac=
cepted, & I shall take with me such ar=
ticles as I have, but I shall not offer
any of them, until after my audience,
as I wish to avoid the slightest appearance
of being a "Bearer of tribute."

The Japanese inform me, that my
reception, and the ceremonies attending
it, are to form the precedent, by which
their future intercourse, with Western
Nations, is to be regulated.

It is impossible for me to fore tell
the results, that may follow my visit to
Yedo. I think it an important point

gained

gained, to have brought this haughty, & exclusive Government, to acknowledge our perfect equality with them, & a pleasing consideration attends it, in the fact that it has been accomplished, without any display of force. The Japanese may with truth assert, that they have yielded to reason and justice, & not to force. The residence of a Representative of the United-States at Yedo, is now only a question of time.

How far I may be able to proceed in negociating a commercial Treaty, on the occasion of my visit, is more than I can say. I feel that although I may not be able, to complete one immediately, yet nothing will be lost, on the contrary much will be gained.

The display of a respectable naval Force would secure a Treaty at once, but it would be a questionable policy in my mind. The Japanese are as proud a people as any on earth, & the humiliation, that would attend a Treaty so obtained, would not fail

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to have a sore feeling in their minds.

Innumerable secret efforts would be made to defeat the full benefits, that would flow from a Treaty, to which they could give a cordial assent, not only as to its provisions, but also as to the manner, in which it was obtained.

I hope my action in this matter will meet your approbation, & be approved by the President.

I have no authority for the necessary expense, that must unavoidably attend my visit to Yedo, but I trust you will authorise me, to charge it to the Contingent expenses of the Consulate. I shall use every economy, consistent with the honor of the United States, and I do not fear to refer to my Siamese accounts, for an example of my prudence.

I am happy to state that my relations with the Japanese Authorities are of the most agreeable kind.

By pursuing a mild yet firm course, I have broken down one after another, a great number of

absurd.

absurd regulations, calculated to restrain my liberty, yet in so doing I have not in any case, caused unpleasant feelings.

With the exception of the limits of Yedo, to which I have voluntarily confined myself for a short period, I am as free as I would be in the City of Washington. I have never been molested or annoyed in any way by the People, and altho' my house has more than twenty doors, not one of which has either lock, bolt, or bar, I have not been robbed of the most trifling article, in a year's residence here. When I consider the condition of society on the continent of Asia & in the Islands of the Indian Archipelago, I cannot but praise the great security for person & property, that is found in Japan.

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
(signed) Townsend Harris.

Enclosure

with dispatch N: 15.

Duplicate of dispatch N: 13

N: 2.

Simoda September 11/57.

Recd 30. Nov. Mr Marcoe.

No. 16.

United States Consulate General
Simoda Japan, October 20th, 1857.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt on this day of your letter dated March 6th, 1857, informing me of your appointment to the office of Secretary of State of the United States. I earnestly hope the appointment may prove as agreeable to you Sir, as it is satisfactory to the People of the United States.

Your letter is the first, that I have received, since I arrived in Japan.

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Townsend Harris
Consul General

To the Honorable Lewis Cass.
Secretary of State
Washington.

Simoda Japan, October 20/57.

Townsend Harris

N: 16.

Received.

Acknowledging receipt of letter announcing the appointment of the Hon. Lewis Cass, as Secretary of State.

Rec'd 30. Nov. Mr Marcy.

No: 17.

United States Consulate General
Simoda Japan. October 20d, 1857.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of my commission, as Consul General for Japan, under cover, dated July 31st, 1856.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Townsend Harris
Consul General.

To the Honorable Lewis Cass.
Secretary of State.
Washington.

Simoda Japan. October 20/57.

Townsend Harris

No: 17.

Received -

Acknowledging receipt of Commission -

Rec'd. Dear Mr Marcy.

No: 18.

United States Consulate General
Simoda, Japan October 20th, 1857.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Department Circular No: 16, dated November 8th, 1856, enclosing a blank bond for execution by me, as required by the provisions of the Act of August 18, 1856.

I have filled up and signed the bond, and will transmit it by this Mail, to my Agent in New York, Mr Nathaniel Dougherty, who will be directed to procure the requisite securities, and forward the bond to the Department, without delay.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Townsend Harris
Consul General.

To the Honorable Lewis Cass
Secretary of State
Washington.

U. S. Consulate General.

at Kanagawa Japan Oct. 20/57.

Townsend Harris

No. 18.

Received.

Relating to new bond required by act August 18th 1856.

Rec'd 30. Nov. Mr Marcy

No 19.

United States Consulate General
Simoda. Japan. October 20th, 1857.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the following public documents:

1. Statutes at Large for 1855-56.
2. Act to regulate the Diplomatic and Consular Departments, August 18th, 1856.
3. Regulations for consular officers 1856.
4. List of Fees, chargeable by American Consuls.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Townsend Harris
Consul General.

To the Honorable Lewis Cass.
Secretary of State
Washington.

U. S. Consulate General

Simoda Japan Oct. 20/57.

Townsend Harris

No. 19.

Received.

Acknowledging receipt
of public documents.

Rec'd. Nov. 16 Marked.

N: 20.

United States Consulate General
Sinoda Japan. October 21. 1857.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit herewith, numbered 1, my account for Fees & Salary, for the 2uarter ending September 30th, 1856, and to advise you, that I have drawn on the Department, in the prescribed manner for $444.49 Four hundred and forty four dollars, & forty nine cents, which draft is supported by the Vouchers, required by the Regulations. — N: 1

I also enclose Copy of my letter N: 10 of 1857, numbered 2. and in Connexion therewith, I beg to remark, that I did not receive the account of the Sale of my Bill on Baring Brothers & Co. for the 2uarter ending September 30th, 1856, until the 20th instant. — N: 2

I am,

To the Honorable Lewis Cass
Secretary of State
Washington

My drafts for salary for the last quarter of 1856, and for the two first Quarters of 1857, were not sent to Shanghai, until the 11th of September 1857, no certain opportunity of forwarding letters, having offered before that time.

I shall not be able to forward my accounts to the Department, for the Quarters above referred to, until I have received the requisite accounts of sales and Vouchers from China.

I beg to be informed, as to the rule of the Department, with regard to the passing of the accounts, received from Consuls. I need not point out, how important it is, to a person, so peculiarly situated as I am, that he should be promptly informed of any irregularity in his accounts, or of any informality of the Vouchers, as while he might easily cure the irregularity or informality, if he had early information, yet a long delay might deprive him, of the power of so doing. I consider it, as an act of duty to my sureties, to have

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my accounts settled, as soon as possible,
after rendering them.

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully

Your obedient Servant.

Townsend Harris

Consul General.

U.S. Consulate General.
Simoda Japan Oct 21/57.

Townsend Harris

No 20

2 Enclosures

Received

with account of
Fees. 3d Quarter of 1856

Copy.

No 10

United States Consulate General
Simoda Japan, July 1. 1857.

Sir,

I have not sent to the Department my private accounts, owing to my being unable in Japan, to dispose of my Bills on London. I am therefore compelled to send them to the nearest Port, where American Merchants reside, for negociation. My draft for salary for the broken quarter, ending September 30th, 1856, I sent to Shanghai for that purpose in December last, but I have not as yet received, the returns for it.

My Bills for my salary for the Quarters ending December 31, 1856, March 31, & June 30th 1857, are still in my possession, as I have not had an opportunity of forwarding them to Shanghai.

The money, that I brought to Japan, is now exhausted, and I am

To the Honorable The Secretary of State
Washington
D. C.

Enclosure

with Despatch N.° 20

Copy of letter to the
Department N.° 10

N.° 2

Simoda July 1. 1857.

I am ordered to the municipality of Kawing Gawa from the Japanese Daily supplies.

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully

Your obedient Servant

Signed Townsend Harris.

Rec'd 30. Nov. Mr Marcy

N: 21.

United States Consulate General
Simoda Japan October 22d, 1857.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit herewith Copy of my dispatch N: 17, dated November 17th, 1856, numbered 1. — N: 1.

Not having received any reply to that letter, I have construed the silence of the Department, as an approval of the suggestions, contained therein. I was in fact compelled, to take that course, as the funds for the payment of an Interpreter to the Consulate were exhausted.

I transmit herewith the accounts of funds remaining in my hands for the "purchase of presents for the Kings of Siam", and for "Contingent Expenses in

To the Honorable Lewis Cass,
Secretary of State
Washington.

N: 2 — in Siam, and numbered 2, having closed them, by transfering the respective balances to the Credit of the accounts for "Contingent Expenses in Japan", and for the Payment of an Interpreter to the Consulate in Japan", as suggested, in my dispatch of November 17th, 1856.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Townsend Harris
Consul General.

Copy.

No. 17.

United States Consulate General
Simoda, Japan November 17. 1856.

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit herewith my account for Expenditures, made under the head of Contingent Expenses in Siam, showing an unexpended balance in my hands, on the 30th. of September last of $293.62 Two hundred and ninety three dollars & sixty two Cents.

As there will not be any further Expenditures under this head, nor under the head of the money, appropriated for the purchase of "Presents for the Kings of Siam", of which there is a Balance in my hands of $2008.17 Two thousand and eight dollars & Seventeen Cents, I would respectfully suggest, that these two accounts should be closed, by your directing me to transfer the

To the Honorable W. L. Marcy
Secretary of State
Washington
D. C.

the Balances above noted to the "Japan Contingent Fund" and to the "Fund for the payment of a Dutch Interpreter in Japan", in such proportions as you may deem expedient.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
/Signed/ Townsend Harris

Enclosure
with despatch N°. 21

Copy of letter to the
Department N°. 17.

N°. 1.

Shimoda November 11/58

U. S. Consulate General
Simoda Japan Oct 22/57.

Townsend Harris

No 21.

2 Enclosures

relating to Siamese
Accounts.

Recd 30. Nov. Mr Marcoe.

N: 22.

United States Consulate General
Simoda Japan, October 22d, 1857.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit herewith, numbered 1. account of payments for an Interpreter to this Consulate for his services, from March 1st to December 31st, 1856, and a similair account, numbered 2, for his services from the 1st of January to the 30th of September 1857, the last account shows a Balance in my hands to the credit of that fund of $625. Six hundred and twenty five dollars. This sum will cover the salary of the Interpreter up to the 28th of February 1858, and I respectfully request you, to inform me, in what manner, I am to draw for the amounts, that will be required for his salary, from the 1st of March, 1858.

N:1

N: 2

The

To the Honorable Lewis Cass
Secretary of State
Washington.

U.S. Consulate General

The services of a Dutch Interpreter at this Consulate are absolutely indispensible, the more especially, as negociations are constantly occurring with the Japanese. Mr. Heusken, the Interpreter is making some progress in the study of the Japanese language, thus rendering his services of increasing value.

I beg to add an extract from my dispatch N° 10, dated July 3d, 1856

" I beg to call your attention to the situation of Mr. Heusken, the Interpreter for " Japan. I engaged him in the latter " part of September (I think) and he " left his employment in New York " about the 1st of October. It was under- " stood by him, that his salary would " not begin, until his arrival in Japan, " but neither he nor I, then expected " to reach Japan, later than the Month " of March, as it is, he will not arrive " there, before the 20th or 25th of July. " He has acted as my Secretary, since " I joined the ship at Penang, and " was laboriously employed, while

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" at Bangkok, in discharging such duty.

" I would also beg to call your at-
" tention, to the fact, that, although he does
" not pay any passage money, yet from
" the great length of the passage from
" New York to Japan, in the San Jacinto,
" his mess bill alone, will amount to
" as large a sum, as he would have paid
" for a first class passage, in a Merchant
" ship.

" I respectfully submit to you, the
" propriety and justice, of my com-
" mencing the payment of the salary
" of Mr. Heusken, from the 1st of March
" last.

As the account rendered by me for payments of an Interpreter on the 3d of July, 1856, and forwarded with my dispatch N: 10. of that date, was irregular in form, I ask leave to withdraw the same.

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully

Your obedient Servant

Townsend Harris

Consul General.

U. S. Consulate General

Shimoda Japan Oct 22/57.

Townsend Harris

No. 22.
2 Enclosures
Received.

Relating to accounts of Interpreter to the Consulate.

Rec'd 30. Nov. Mr Marcy

No: 23.

United States Consulate General
Simoda Japan, October 25, 1857.

Sir,

The twenty second section of the Act of August 18th 1856 to "Regulate the "Diplomatic and Consular Systems of "the United States," provides that the President may "allow to Consuls General, "Consuls and Commercial Agents, who "are not allowed to trade, the actual expenses "of Office rent, not to exceed in any case "ten per centum of the amount of the an- "nual compensation, allowed to such Officer."

I have set apart one of the best rooms in my house, 40 feet long and 15 feet wide, as an office, and have fitted it up in a proper manner, with chairs, tables, bookshelves, Stove &c. &c.

And.

To the Honorable Lewis Cass.
Secretary of State.
Washington.

And I respectfully ask to be allowed, a reasonable sum, as rent for the same. As the office is a part of my domicile, I cannot show any vouchers for express payment for rent, but I think that $200. Two Hundred Dollars per annum, would be an equitable allowance.

A reference to my accounts for expenditures for Contingent Expenses, at this Consulate General from the 1st of July 1856 to the 30th of September 1857, will show that I have expended under $50 Fifty Dollars, during that period, although I erected a Flagstaff some 70 feet high. I refer to these expenditures, to show the economy, I have exercised.

Although but little use, has as yet been made by American Citizens of the office, yet it is kept ready for their use, whenever they may come, and it is in constant use, and of absolute necessity, for my intercourse with the Japanese Authorities.

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant.
Townsend Harris
Consul General.

U. S. Consulate General

Simoda Japan Oct 25/57.

Townsend Harris

No. 23.

Received

Asking allowance for
officers

Rec'd 30. Nov. Mr Murphy

No: 24.

United States Consulate General at
Simoda, Japan. October 28th, 1857.

Sir,

Section 18 of the "Act to regulate the Diplomatic and Consular systems of the United States, approved August 18th, 1856, provides that "every Consular "Officer in rendering his account or "report of Fees received, shall furnish a "full transcript of the register, which "he is hereby required to keep, under oath "or affirmation, that the same is true "and correct."

The Regulations prescribed by the President for Consular Offices of the United States, dated November 10th 1856, gives the form of the oath (No: 84), as required by the section quoted.

I have

To the Honorable Lewis Cass.
Secretary of State
Washington.

There is no authority at Simoda either Foreign or Japanese, before whom such an oath can be taken, and I am much embarassed to know, what course to adopt under the circumstances. I shall for the present and until further advised by the Department, accompany my accounts by an oath taken before Mr. H. C. J. Heusken, Interpreter to the Consulate, and the only Foreigner residing at Simoda (except Chinese), having given him authority, to act as Pro Consul, for that purpose.

I respectfully request you to give a confirmation of the appointment of Mr. Heusken, or to direct me, what other course I shall pursue.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Townsend Harris
Consul General.

Simoda Japan Octh 28/57.

Townsend Harris

No: 24.

Received.

Relating to the appointment of a person to administer oaths.

Recd 30. Nov. Mr Marke.

N: 25.

United States Consulate General
Simoda Japan November 20th, 1857.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit herewith N:1, ___ N:1.
Copy of a Treaty, between the Dutch and Japanese,
signed January 30th, 1856, and Additional Articles
to the same executed October 16th, 1857. I likewise
enclose N:2, English Translations of both the ___ N:2
foregoing documents

I also enclose N:3, Additional Articles to ___ N:3
the Treaty between the Russians and Japanese, which
Articles were signed October $\frac{12}{24}$. 1857. An English
translation of the same N:4 is also enclosed. ___ N:4

I had the honor to send to the Department in
my Dispatch N: 9 of 1856, Copy of a Convention,
made November 9th 1855, by the Dutch Commissioner
at Nagasaki, with the Japanese Authorities of that place.
That Convention was not ratified by the
Japanese

To the Honorable Lewis Cass.
Secretary of State
Washington.

Japanese Government. The Treaty of January 30th, 1856 is a mere recapitulation of the substance of that Convention, with the important exception that it omits the clause of the Convention, by which the Dutch became the lessors of the ground, and the purchasers of the buildings at Desima, and which inferentially gave the right of permanent residence to them. The 60 Articles consist chiefly of slight relaxations of the stringent laws, by which the Dutch have been ruled at Nagasaki.

N: 33 of the Additional Articles declares that,

"The Dutch have liberty to exercise their own or
"the Christian Religion, within their buildings,
"and within the burial grounds provided for them."

The extraordinary phrase "their own or the Christian Religion", is contained in two Copies of this Document, one of which was sent to me by the Japanese Government, and the other by Mr. John Henry Donker Curtius, Dutch Commissioner at Nagasaki. From a publication made by authority of the Dutch Government in the "Staats Courant" of June 5th, 1857, the Public was led to believe, that the Dutch had not only procured a Treaty stipulation, securing freedom of religious worship in Japan, but also the abolition of the annual ceremony of trampling

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at Nagasaki on the cross and other emblems of catholic worship. The Dutch proposed such an Article to the Japanese, but they refused to insert it. The trade is left in so unsatisfactory a condition, that no advantage to commerce can accrue from these documents, while the duty of 35 per cent, on the gross sales, will probably be equal to 75 per cent on the original cost.

The Russian Additional Articles contain the substance of the Convention, made by me, with the Governors of Simoda, and signed June 17th. 1857. Beyond those provisions, there is nothing of any interest to commerce, except the excessive nature of the penalties, imposed for smuggling

Both the Russians and Dutch have agreed, that letters from their respective Governments, to the Government of Japan, shall be delivered to the Authorities of the place where the letters arrive, to be forwarded by them to Yedo, and that the answers shall be received at the same place.

It is a significant fact, that quite two months before the execution of the Russian and Dutch Additional Articles, the Japanese had

concluded,

concluded to consent to my going to Yedo, for the purpose of delivering a letter from the President to the Tycoon, and that I should have a public audience of His Majesty for that purpose.

The wording of the Dutch Articles are a curious specimen of Japanese diplomacy, as I have reason to think, they were translated from a Japanese copy by their own Interpreter, and were accepted by the Dutch Commissioner, as they were submitted to him, he not having the power to remodel them, or to correct the many obscurities of expression, and errors of language, which they contain;

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient Servant,

Townsend Harris

Consul General.

Simoda Japan Nov. 20/57.

Townsend Harris

No. 25.

4 Enclosures

Received

Covering Dutch convention

Russian Treaties

made with the Japanese

Hunne Majesteiten de Koning der Nederlanden Prins van Oranje, Nassau, Groot hertog van Luxemburg enz. enz. enz. en de Keizer van Groot-Japan (Dai Nipon), de alou de betrekkingen tusschen de ingezetenen van beide Rijken bestaande, wenschende te bevestigen, en het tijdstip dáárachtende, waarop de vergunningen aan de Nederlanders toegestaan, thans meer overeenkomstig den inhoud der Passen aan hen uitgereikt, door 's keizers doorluchtige voorzaten, in werking kunnen worden gebracht, hebben tot hunne wederzijdsche gevolmagtigden benoemd:

Zijne Majesteit de Koning der Nederlanden, den Heer Jan Hendrik Donker Curtius, Ridder der orde van den Nederlandschen Leeuw.

Zijne Majesteit de Keizer van Japan
Sirawo Sibarino Kami,
Kara Moesa Tsoesimano Kami,
Gouverneurs van Nagasaki
Nagai Siwanodsio en
Asano Sakb,
Keizerlijke opzieners, welke het volgende

Zijn

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Sinroda Japan Nov. 20/57.

zyn overeengekomen.

## Artikel Een.

De Nederlanders hebben volkomene persoonlyke vryheid, en mogen mitsdien van Desima uitgaan zonder eenig geleide, even als zulks tot nu toe aan hen op verlof werd toegestaan onder geleide, en dat ten allen tyde.

## Artikel Twee.

Wanneer door een Nederlander eenige Japansche wet word overtreden, zal daarvan kennis worden gegeven aan den Hoogsten Nederlandschen ambtenaar, die op Desima geplaatst is, en zal hy door zyne tusschenkomst, door de Nederlandsche Regering, volgens de Nederlandsche wetten worden gestraft.

## Artikel Drie.

Indien een Nederlander door een Japanner onbehoorlyk mogt worden behandeld, zal die zaak op de klagt van den Nederlandschen Commissaris in Japan, door de Japansche overheden worden onderzocht, en zullen zoodanige Japanners volgens de Japansche wet worden gestraft.

## Artikel Vier.

Indien een of meer andere havens

van

van het Japansche Rijk, voor een of meer andere Natien mogten zyn of worden opengesteld, zullen volkomen dezelfde voorregten aan Nederland dadelyk worden toegekend.

## Artikel Vyf.

Wanneer een officier of een ander schepeling van eene Zyner Nederlandsche Majesteits schepen van oorlog of eenig persoon tot de Nederlandsche landsmagt behoorende in Japan, mogt overlyden, zal zyne begrafenis plaats hebben, volgens de militaire plegtigheden, by de Nederlandsche land- en zeemagt in gebruik, en tot nog toe alhier opgevolgd. Hierby zullen op de begraafplaats salves kunnen plaats hebben met het handgeweer, en aan boord der Nederlandsche oorlogschepen insgelyks, zelfs met geschut.

## Artikel Zes.

De naar de haven van Nagasaki komende Nederlandsche koopvaardyschepen zullen by het naderen van de kust, behalve de nationale nog eene geheime seinvlag vertoonen, zoo als tot nog toe gebruikelyk is. De oorlogschepen hebben geene geheime Seinvlag.

Artikel Zeven.

## Artikel Zeven,

Beide vlaggen door de uitkijkers op het eiland Tsuo Sima gezien zynde zal van den vlaggestok aldaar, de Nederlandsche vlag tot herkenningsteken geheschen worden, even als zulks thans gebruikelyk is, ook voor de oorlogschepen.

## Artikel Acht,

De Nederlandsche oorlog- en koopvaardyschepen, zullen achter den Papenberg ten anker komen, zooals tot nog toe gebruikelyk is.

## Artikel negen,

Zoodra de Gouverneur van Nagasaki, door een tot dat einde dadelyk afgezenden wachtofficier, vergezeld door een der ambtenaren van de Nederlandsche Factory op Desima, zich volkomen zal hebben verzekerd van de nationaliteit der schepen, zullen zy de haven mogen binnen zeilen of stoomen, of zich door Japansche vaartuigen daar binnen laten boegseeren, zooals tot dus verre gebruikelyk is; doch zonder pandsluiden af te geven.

## Artikel Tien,

De bemanning der schepen zal

van

van de scheepsloepen gebruik mogen maken, om met de overige Nederlandsche schepen en het eiland Desima gemeenschap te houden, of in de baai, tot uitspanning rond te varen, met dien verstande, dat de matrozen der Nederlandsche koopvaardij schepen, alleen dan van deze vergunning mogen gebruik maken, wanneer een Kapitein of stuurman zich in de sloep of sloepen bevindt. Zij zullen natuurlijk nergens anders mogen landen, dan aan de waterpoort op Desima, en ook met de bemanning van Japansche vaartuigen in geene aanraking mogen komen. De sloepen zullen als verkenningsteekens, de Nederlandsche vlag voeren.

Artikel 11.

Op geene andere plaats dan aan de waterpoort van Desima, zal men met de sloepen mogen landen.

Artikel Twaalf.

De bestaande woningen en pakhuizen blijven op den ouden voet. Zij kunnen evenwel door de Nederlandsche factorij worden hersteld of veranderd ten haren koste, waarvan vooraf voorkennis zal worden gegeven aan den Gouverneur van Nagasaki, en deze daartoe toestemming verleend hebbende, zal voor de gekochte materialen en arbeids loonen betaald worden met Kambang geld, evenzoo voor de weêr nieuw gebouwd worden de woningen en pakhuizen.

Artikel

## Artikel dertien.

De op Desima verblijfhouden de Nederlanders hebben vryheid om in Nederlandsche of Japansche vaartuigen, in de baai rond te varen, zonder ergens te landen. Zy zullen met die vaartuigen in de baai mogen visschen tot uitspanning. Deze vaartuigen zullen eene Nederlandsche vlag tot verkenningsteeken voeren.

## Artikel veertien.

De sleutels van de waterpoort zyn onder de uitsluitende bewaring van den hoogsten Nederlandschen ambtenaar op Desima. Van het openen en sluiten van deze poort zal kennis worden gegeven aan een der Japansche ambtenaren op Desima, die zal waken, dat zich door de waterpoort, geene Japanners op Desima begeven, die daartoe geen verlof hebben.

## Artikel vyftien.

De sleutels van de landpoort zyn onder de bewaring, van den Japanschen Officier, die aldaar de wacht heeft.

## Artikel zestien.

Alleen de bemanning van Nederlandsche koopvaardyschepen is met uitzondering van den ~~Gezagvoerder~~, onderworpen aan lyfvisitatie, zoodals tot nog toe gebruikelyk is, wanneer zy door de landpoort van Desima, Nagasaki binnentreedt en van daar terug keert. By de waterpoort en aan boord der Nederlandsche schepen, heeft geene visitatie plaats.

## Artikel Zeventien.

De visitatie van Goederen, heeft alleen plaats wanneer die in Japan worden ingevoerd van Desima, of uit Japan naar Desima gebragt worden, zooals tot nogtoe gebruikelyk is, en niet by aanbrenging uit de schepen op Desima, of by het brengen naar boord vande schepen uit Desima. Tegen sluikhandel zalten sterkste gewaakt worden.

## Artikel achttien

Gedurende het aanwezen van Nederlandsche handelsschepen, in de haven van Nagasaki, zal wanneer de werkzaamheden plaats hebben, een Japansch wachtofficier zich op Desima bevinden, zooals tot nogtoe gebruikelyk is.

## Artikel negentien

De behandeling der handelszaken blyft overigens op den bestaanden voet. De sleutels der pakhuizen zyn steeds onder bewaring vanden hoogsten Nederlandschen Ambtenaar, die op Desima verblyf houdt, wanneer daarin Nederlandsche goederen gebragt zyn. Op de pakhuizen worden geene Japansche zegels geplaatst.

## Artikel Twintig.

Alle Japanners, die daartoe het verlof hebben, overeenkomstig de Japansche wetten, zullen op Desima kunnen komen.

## Artikel Een en Twintig.

By alle ontmoetingen te Nagasaki,

geschieden

geschieden het complimenten en de ontvangst door de Japanners op de Japansche, en door de Nederlanders op de Nederlandsche wyze.

Artikel Twee en Twintig.

Wanneer zich daartoe de gelegenheid aanbiedt, zullen de op Desima verblyfhoudende Nederlanders, brieven kunnen verzenden, zoowel met de Chinesche jonken, als met de schepen van andere Natiën.

Artikel Drie en Twintig.

De Nederlanders zullen vryelyk briefwisseling kunnen houden, met de gezagvoerders van schepen of eskaders, van vreemde Natiën, die met Japan in vrede leven, en zich in de baai van Nagasaki ophouden.

Artikel Vier en Twintig.

Monsteringen hebben alleen plaats, aan boord der Nederlandsche koopvaardyschepen, by de aankomst en by het vertrek, en niet op Desima.

Artikel Vyfen Twintig.

De Nederlandsche koopvaardyschepen zullen het buskruid en de wapens blyven behouden, even als de kanonnen.

Artikel Zes en Twintig.

De gebruikelyke geschenken voor Zyne Majesteit den Keizer, en andere Rykgroten en de jaarlykse vassak blyven op den bestaanden voet geregeld. In de wyze waarop den handel met de Nederlandsche factory

factory gedreven wordt, wordt geene verander-
ing gebragt. Indien later eenige veran-
dering daarin vanden Japanschen of van
den Nederlandschen kant mogt gewenscht
worden, zal die door den Gouverneur van
Nagasaki en den Nederlandschen commis-
saris overwogen en geregeld worden.

Artikel Zeven en Twintig.

Indien het mogt blyken dat eene zaak
eene nadere regeling mogt vereischen, zal
die door den Gouverneur van Nagasaki,
met den Nederlandschen commissaris
in Japan, in zorgvuldige overweging wor-
den genomen, en zullen alle bepalingen,
die door de Nederlanders of wel door de
Japanners, thans lastig of onnoodig ge-
vonden worden, zooveel mogelyk worden
opgeheven.

Artikel acht en Twintig.

Dit Tractaat zal onderworpen zyn
zoowel aan de ratificatie van Z. M.
den Koning der Nederlanden, als aan die
van Z. M. den Keizer van Japan, en de acten
van ratificatie, geteekend door daartoe
gemagtigde hooge ambtenaren van beide
zyden, zullen worden uitgewisseld te Na-
gasaki, binnen den tyd van twee jaren
na dagteekening deser.

Alle bepalingen deser overeenkomst
treden intusschen, dadelyk in werking.

Ten oirkonde waarvan, ewy Jan Hendrik
Donker Curtius, Nederlandsch commissaris

in

in Japan, Ridder der orde van den Nederlandschen leeuw en buitengewoon Gevolmagtigde van Z.M. den koning der Nederlanden en Awawo Iwamino kami, Kara moera Yoesimano kami, Gouverneurs van Nagasaki, en Nagai Iwanodsio en Asano Ikaki, kaizerlijke Opzieners te Nagasaki, deze hebben geteekend en onze zegelen daarop gedrukt, met uitzondering van den eerstgenoemden der Japansche Gevolmagtigden, die daarin verhinderd is geworden, door zijn vertrek naar Jedo.

Gedaan in dupliecaat, in de Stad Nagasaki, den 30ste January van het jaar van onzen Heer een duizend achthonderd Zes en vijftig.

Zoo heeft Zyne Majesteit, de Koning der Nederlanden, Prins van Oranje Nassau, Groot Hertog van Luxemburg enz. enz. enz. de ondergeteekende Jonkheer Meester Daniel Theodore Gevers van Endegeest, Kommandeur der orde van den Nederlandschen leeuw, Hoogstdeszelfs minister van Buitenlandsche Zaken, en Meester Pieter Meyer, Kommandeur der orde van den Nederlandschen leeuw, Minister van Koloniën, gelasten genegtigd om te verklaren, gelijk zy dienten gevolge verklaren by deze dat Zyne Majesteit het voormelde Traktaat goedkeurt en bekragtigd, en zorg zal dragen, dat het getrouw zal worden nagekomen, zooveel en Hoogstdeszelfs vermogen zyn zal.

Ter oirkonde waarvan zy deze akte na voorzien te zyn van het Zegel van den staat, hebben geteekend, en er hunne byzondere zegels op hebben gelegd.

Gedaan te 's Gravenhage, den 20ste Mei des jaars achtien honderd zeventig.

(w.g.) Gevers van Endegeest

(w.g.) Pieter Meyer.

Additionele artikelen overeengekomen tusschen de Japansche en Nederlandsche Gevolmagtigden.

Midsoero Tekaego no kami. Rekken Gouverneur en Gouverneur van Nagasaki, Inaue Iwami no kami, Gouverneur van Nagasaki, Iwasay Sgano kami, beiden Zeilyk Opzigter en Meester Jan Hendrik Donker Curtius, Nederlandsch Commissaris in Japan, om een deel uit te maken van het op den 30ste January 1856 te Nagasaki gesloten Tractaat, tusschen Nederland en Japan.

Artikel Een.

In de havens van Nagasaki en Hakodate zal van nu af handel worden toegelaten.

In Hakodate zal de handel begonnen worden tien maanden na dagteekening deezer.

Artikel Twee.

Tonnegelden berekend a f0.5 (vijf maas) of f0.80 (tachtig cents) Nederlandsch Courant per Ton zullen betaald worden binnen twee dagen

dagen na aankomst. Voor schepen van minder dan een honderd en vyftig Tonnen grootte wordt $0.1 (een maas) of $0.16 (zestien Cents) Nederlandsch Courant, per Ton betaald. Oorlogschepen betalen geene tonnegelden, maar wel loodsgelden en loon voor boegseervaartuigen. Indien te Nagasaki eenmaal Tonnegelden betaald zyn, en de schepen vandaar dadelyk naar Hakodate vertrekken, behoeven de Tonnegelden niet andermaal betaald te worden.

Tot dat einde, zal te Nagasaki, eene kwitantie voor betaalde Tonnegelden worden gesteld op het manifest. En omgekeerd even zoo by vertrek van Hakodate naar Nagasaki.

Eene vreemde haven aangedaan hebbende, moeten op nieuw een manifest ingediend en tonnegelden voldaan worden, wanneer nieuwe artikelen worden aangebracht.

Indien men vaartuigen heeft om te lossen, of te laden, of te boegseeren, zoo zal men Koelies nemen, die als zoodanig geregistreerd zyn.

Men zal geene Koelies aannemen, die niet voorzien zyn van een bewys van registratie.

Artikel drie.

Handelsschepen, die geen handel dryven, maar

maar langer dan twee etmalen in eene haven blyven, betalen tonnegeld.

Handelsschepen, die om herstellingen te doen, uit nood, enz. binnen loopen, zonder handel te dryven, en niet overscheepen, betalen geene tonnegelden.

Indien, voor de herstelling, ontscheepte lading mogt verkocht worden, moeten tonnegelden voldaan worden.

Artikel Vier.

Binnen acht en veertig uren na de aankomst van een handelsschip te Nagasaki, zullen door den hoogsten Nederlandschen ambtenaar te Desima, de naam van het schip en van den gezagvoerder worden opgegeven, vergezeld van het manifest en de tonnemaat van het schip, en zulks op straffe voor den gezagvoerder bepaald by artikel twee en twintig.

Te Hakodate zal zulks geschieden door den gezagvoerder binnen één etmaal.

Te Nagasaki kan dadelyk gelost worden, gedurende den dag. Maar te Hakodate moet gelost worden, nadat het manifest is aangeboden, en in tegenwoordigheid van daartoe bestemde Japansche ambtenaren.

Indien eene plaats voor de visitatie der in- of uitgevoerd worden de goederen

mogt

mogt opgeregt worden, ook te Nagasaki zal daarover onderhandeld worden, en zullen de te nemen maatregelen, evenzoo worden bepaald.

Artikel Vijf.

Het getal der handelsschepen is onbeperkt.

Geene beperkingen voor den handel tot eene zekere geldsom, heeft plaats.

Indien aangevoerde goederen, door de Japanners niet gekocht worden, of er gebrek bestaat aan retouren, zoo blijven die onverkocht.

Indien de aangevoerde goederen gekocht worden, maar er gebrek aan retouren bestaat, zoo zal betaald worden met vreemde gouden en zilveren munten, waarmee die bij de geldkamer, in mindere of mindere hoeveelheid voorhanden zijn.

Artikel Zes.

Van den opbrengst van alle, bij openbare veiling, of ook onder de hand verkochte handelswaren, zal een regt van 35% gegeven worden.

Maar deze heffing is niet van toepassing, ten aanzien van de goederen, die aan de geldkamer worden afgestaan.

Regten op den in- uit- en doorvoer zullen van tijd tot tijd, bij onderhandeling worden vastgesteld.

Tot zoolang geldt de tegenwoordige heffing.

Artikel Zeven

## Artikel Zeven.

Na besigtiging der koopwaren worden de veilingen by de geldkamer gehouden, die de koopsommen ontvangt en bewaart, ten ware in betaling, goederen van de koopers ontvangen zyn.

Indien de koopers, die by de openbare veilingen gekocht hebben, in gebreke blyven, om de koopsom te betalen, zoo zal die door de geldkamer vergoed worden.

Alhoewel de koopsom van onderde hand verkochte goederen niet betaald wordt, wordt die door de geldkamer niet vergoed.

De Nederlandsche kooplieden zullen zoodanige openbare veilingen, zoo dikwyls zy zulks goedvinden, kunnen doen houden, zonder beperking tot een zeker getal kooplieden, die daarby worden toegelaten.

## Artikel acht.

Wanneer eenige goederen in veiling gebragt, maar onverkocht zyn en die te Desima bewaard worden, om nader te worden geveild, zoo zal telkens gehandeld worden, volgens het voorgaande Artikel.

Ook kunnen zy onder de hand verkocht worden. Maar alle door de Japanners onder de hand gekochte artikelen, moeten by de geldkamer met klinkende munt betaald worden.

Daarvoor

Daarvoor mogen door de Japansche koopers niet regtstreeks retouren gegeven worden.

Indien door tusschenkomst van den hoogsten Nederlandschen ambtenaar te Desima, aan de geldkamer eene lijst wordt ingediend van onder de hand aan Japanners verkochte goederen met opgaaf der koopsommen, zoo zullen die goederen aan de koopers worden afgeleverd, op vertoon van een bewijs van betaling bij de geldkamer.

Artikel Negen,

Niet enkel de bepaalde leveranciers; maar alle kooplieden mogen te Desima komen, om te onderhandelen over koop en verkoop van goederen.

Te Hakodate zal daarvoor eene plaats (handelsbeurs of bazaar) bestemd worden.

Artikel Tien,

Indien de Japansche kooplieden goederen onder de hand gekocht hebben, en deze door den Nederlandschen koopman zijn afgeleverd, voordat de koopsom bij de geldkamer betaald is, en daarover moeijelijkheden ontstaan, evenmeer de goederen verduisterd of de koopers gevlugt mogt zijn, of ook indien de

aanbesteding

aanbesteding van leveranties, moeyelykheden te weeg brengt, zoo zal die zaak zooveel mogelyk onderzocht worden.
Maar de geldkamer zal voor de schade niet aansprakelyk zyn.

Na de aflevering en de ontvangst van goederen kan niet meer geklaagd worden over de kwaliteit, het gewigt en de maat der gekochte of verkochte goederen.

## Artikel Elf.

Indien een Nederlander van de Japanners goederen koopt, zal door hem betaald worden met papieren geld, door de Geldkamer uit te geven.

Dit papieren geld zal door de Geldkamer aan de Japansche houders, dadelyk voldaan worden, met Japansche munt. Alle onkosten van Desima, het loon van boegseerwaartuigen enz. zullen met gelden, by de Geldkamer in bewaring voldaan worden.

## Artikel Twaalf.

De Nederlanders kunnen ook met vreemde gouden en zilveren munten betalen.

Indien van de Japansche zyde verlangd wordt, om vreemde gouden en zilveren munten te ontvangen, zal daarover onderhandeld worden met de Nederlanders.

Alle

Alle vreemde gouden en zilveren munten, moeten evenwel alléén aan de Gelakamer worden afgedragen.

De zilveren Spaansche mat of pilaar mat, wordt gerekend tegen de waarde van f 2.50 (twee gulden vijftig cents) De zilveren Mexikaansche dollar tegen de waarde van f 2.55 (twee gulden vijf en vijftig cents.

Artikel dertien.

Oorlogsbehoeften in het algemeen zullen aan het Japansche Gouvernement, maar niet aan die kooplieden mogen worden geleverd.

Indien onder voor de eerste maal in Japan aangebragte goederen, zich artikelen bevinden mogten, die men in Japan wil verbieden aan de kooplieden te leveren, zoo zal daarover officieel onderhandeld worden.

Artikel Veertien.

De invoer van Opium in Japan is verboden.

Artikel Vijftien.

Goud en zilver mogen niet door de Nederlanders gekocht worden. Maar zulks is niet toepasselijk op vergulde zaken, noch op bewerkt goud- en zilver.

Japansche munten mogen niet

niet uitgevoerd worden. Indien er nog andere artikelen mogten zyn, waarvan de uitvoer niet kan worden toegestaan, zoo zal daarover telkens officieel onderhandeld en besloten worden.

## Artikel Zestien.

Ryst, gerst, tarwe, draits. shootzoe, steenkolen, papier mino en papier hands., boekwerken, kaarten, koperwerk zullen alléén door de geldkamer geleverd worden.

Maar op voor eigen gebruik, van leveranciers of in de stad gekochte artikelen, is deze beperking van geene toepassing.

Boeken en kaarten, die zonder verlof van de Japansche Regering gedrukt, of geschreven zyn of verkocht worden, mogen niet worden uitgevoerd.

## Artikel Zeventien.

Koper, sabels en toebehooren, Jamato nisiki (zeker zyden stof) wapenmunitien, vuurwapenen, boogen met toebehooren, paardentuigen en verdere wapentuigen mogen door de Japansche kooplieden niet geleverd worden. Maar by de aanbesteding van aan de Japansche Regering te leveren goederen, zal

kunnen

kunnen worden overeengekomen om die tot gedeeltelyke betaling te doen strekken.

Indien er meerdere verboden artikelen mogten zyn, zal na officieele onderhandeling, daarmede evenzoo gehandeld worden.

## Artikel achtlien.

Al de door de Japanners verkochte worden de goederen, worden geleverd tegen telkens overeen te komen prysen, en niet tegen vastgestelde prysen.

By misluking van den oogst zal de Japansche Regering tydelyk den uitvoer van eenig voedingsmiddel kunnen verbieden.

Ook zal de uitvoer van was en papier tydelyk kunnen verboden worden, na eene onderhandeling.

## Artikel negentien.

Gedurende het verblyf der handelsschepen te Hakodate zullen alle scheepspapieren aan het Gouvernement aldaar, in bewaring worden gegeven.

Te Nagasaki worden ze in bewaring gegeven aan den Hoogsten Nederlandschen ambtenaar te Desima.

In beide havens zullen Japansche wachtvaartuigen nabij de koopvaardy

Schepen

schepen geplaatst worden, om tegen sluik-
handel te waken.

Het getal dezer vaartuigen kan
naar omstandigheden vermeerderd
of verminderd worden.

Voor de Nederlanders wordt daarvoor
niets betaald.

## Artikel Twintig.

Omdat men voor het Lossen en
laden, vaartuigen onder 's handshaven,
zoo zullen de goederen, die daarbij
verloren mogten geraken, niet door de
Geldkamer vergoed worden.

Maar van de Japansche zyde, zal
die zaak zooveel mogelyk onderzocht
worden.

## Artikel Een en Twintig.

Indien by de aankomst van
eenig handelsschip een valsch ma-
nifest mogt worden ingediend, zoo
zal de hoogste Nederlandsche amb-
tenaar die zaak onderzoeken, en aan
den Gezagvoerder opleggen, de betaling
eener boete, ter waarde van 500
(vyf honderd zilveren Dollars, aan de
Geldkamer.

## Artikel Twee en Twintig.

Indien, by aankomst te Nakodate
binnen een etmaal geen manifest is
ingediend, zoo zal de Gezagvoerder aan

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de Geldkamer eene boete betalen van 50 (vyftig) zilveren Dollars, voor iederen dag verzuim, doch zal deze boete in geen geval meer dan 200 (Twee honderd) zilveren dollars bedroopen.

Indien te Hakodate gelost wordt, voordat het manifest is ingediend, zullen de gelosté goederen verbeurd verklaard worden, en de Gezagvoerder zal eene boete van 500 (vyf honderd) zilveren Dollars moeten betalen.

## Artikel Drie en Twintig

Zoowel tusschen eigene landsch als met vreemde handelsschepen, die in de haven gelegen zyn, zal geene overscheping van iets, dat tot de lading behoort, mogen plaats hebben, dan na verkregen toestemming van het Gouvernement, en in tegenwoordigheid van daartoe gestelde Japansche ambtenaren.

Zonder die toestemming overgescheepte lading zal verbeurd verklaard worden aan de geldkamer.

## Artikel Vier en Twintig.

Indien sluikhandel mogt gedreven worden, in de opengestelde havens, zullen de Japansche sluikhandelaars volgens de Japansche wet gestraft worden.

De Nederlandsche sluikhandelaar

Zal

zal onderworpen zyn aan de verbeurdverklaring van de ter sluik in of uitgevoerde en wettig achterhaalde goederen. Wanneer langs de Japansche kusten, in de niet voor handel opengestelde plaatsen sluikhandel gedreven wordt, zal het vaartuig en de lading verbeurd verklaard worden. Hierover zal de hoogste Nederlandsche ambtenaar, die in Japan verblyf houdt, na onderzoek, gene zwarigheid maken.

## Artikel Vyftentwintig.

Geen Japanner mag aan boord van een Nederlandsch schip verblyven, zonder waarschuwing van het Gouvernement: Indien een Japanner zich uit eigene beweging of zonder toestemming aan boord van een Nederlandsch schip begeeft, zal hy opgevat, en aan de Japansche ambtenaren worden overgeleverd.

## Artikel Zes en twintig.

De hoogste Nederlandsche ambtenaar te Desima, zal geen Nederlandsch handelschip laten vertrekken voordat de afrekening is afgeloopen.

Te Nakodate mogen de door de Nederlanders ingekochte goederen, niet alle ingeladen worden, voordat zy geheel betaald, daarvoor afgeleverd zyn.

## Artikel Zeven en twintig.

De goederen, die door de landpoort van Desima ter sluik (in verschil met den pas brief) in of uit gevoerd worden, en wettiglyk achterhaald zyn zullen verbeurd verklaard worden.

Artikel

Artikel achtentwintig

Goederen, voor eigen gebruik door een Nederlander, aan een Japanner geschonken, zullen alleen op een pasbrief, door den hoogsten Nederlandschen ambtenaar te Desima te verleenen, uit de poort mogen gebracht worden.

Artikel negenentwintig.

By aankomst van schepen van eenige Natie, welke reeds een Tractaat met Japan gesloten heeft, zal een vry persoonlyk verkeer tusschen de Nederlanders en de opvarenden van zoodanige schepen plaats hebben, zoowel aan boord der schepen, als te Desima.

Hiermede zal gewacht worden, totdat het door een onderzoek van den wachtofficier zal gebleken zyn, tot welke Natie, de schepen behooren.

Artikel dertig.

De Nederlanders zullen zich, zonder daartoe te zyn uitgenoodigd, niet begeven binnen batterijen, Gouvernementsgebouwen en verdere van eene poort voorziene plaatsen of huizen.

Tempels, thee of rusthuizen enz. zyn hiervan uitgezonderd.

Het verbod van dit Artikel is niet van toepassing, wanneer de hoogste Nederlandsche ambtenaar, in Japan verblyf houdende, zich naar het Gouvernement verzocht te begeven ter behandeling van dienstzaken.

Artikel een en dertig.

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Voor verversingen in rust of theehuizen, en in tempels, en voor het geen men in de winkels, voor eigen gebruik koopt, en voor het vaarloon zal betaald worden, met papieren geld, door de geldkamer uit te geven.

Artikel Twee en dertig.

De grenzen der wandelingen voor de Nederlanders te Nagasaki, worden op bygevoegde kaart aangewezen.

Te Hakodate is die grens bepaald op vyf Japansche mylen.

Indien een Nederlander deze grenzen zonder toestemming van het Gouvernement overschreden heeft, zal hy op de waarschouwing vandaar, aanwezigen, terugkeeren. Indien hy zoodanige waarschouwing niet mogt aannemen, zal hy zonder danzien van persoon opgevat, en aan den hoogsten Nederlandschen ambtenaar overgeleverd worden.

Artikel drie en dertig.

De Nederlanders hebben vryheid, tot uitoefening van hunne eigene, of de Christelyke godsdienst, binnen hunne gebouwen, en binnen de voorhen bestemde begraafplaatsen.

Artikel vier en dertig.

Brieven van de Nederlandsche Regering aan die van Japan gezonden, zullen door den hoogsten Nederlandschen ambtenaar te Desima, aan den Gouverneur van Nagasaki, of by ontstentenis van dezen, aan den hoogsten aldaar aanwezigen Japanschen ambtenaar worden overgegeven ons door

dezen

dezen te worden doorgezonden. Omgekeerd zullen brieven van de Japansche Regering aan die van Nederland, door den Gouverneur van Nagasaki, aan den hoogsten Nederlandschen ambtenaar te Desima, worden overgegeven, om door dezen, te worden doorgezonden.

Eigenhandige brieven van Zyne Majesteit den Koning der Nederlanden aan Zyne Majesteit den Keizer van Japan, of van Zyne Majesteit den Keizer van Japan aan Zyne Majesteit den Koning der Nederlanden, zullen op gelyke wyze overhandigd worden.

Artikel Vyfendertig.

Indien Nederlanders de Japansche taal of andere Japansche wetenschappen en kunsten verlangen te leeren, zoo zullen op aanzoek van den hoogsten Nederlandschen ambtenaar te Desima, door het Japansche Gouvernement onderwyzers daarvoor uitgekozen en gezonden worden, om des daags te Desima onderricht te geven.

Artikel Zesendertig.

Indien er tusschen de aangekomen vreemdelingen geschillen of oneenigheden mogten ontstaan zullen die worden beslecht buiten bemoeyenis van het Japansche Gouvernement.

Artikel Zeven en dertig.

Indien zulks het geval mogt zyn

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tusschen Nederlandersen Japanners, of tusschen hen rechtspartyen, verwonding, diefstal of brandstichting mogten plaats hebben, zoo zal die zaak door wederzydsche ambtenaren behandeld, en zoo mogelyk geschikt worden.

In dergelyke voorvallen op zich zelven zullen de onderlinge vriendschap, tusschen de beide Staten niet kunnen verbreken.

Artikel acht en dertig.

Alle zaken zullen van den Nederlandschen kant, by ontstentenis van den hoogsten Nederlandschen ambtenaar te dezer, worden behandeld, door den onmiddelyk in rang, op hem volgenden Nederlandschen ambtenaar.

Artikel negen en dertig.

Alle regten welke aan andere vreemde Natien mogten zyn of worden verleend, zullen almede dadelyk ook tot Nederland worden uitgestrekt.

De plaatselyke reglementen zullen overigens gevolgd worden.

Artikel veertig.

De bepalingen van het Tractaat, welke by deze niet veranderd zyn, en alle overige in deze niet opgenoemde bepalingen, blyven op den bestaanden voet.

Te Hakodate zullen de zaken nagenoeg op dezelfde wyze behandeld worden, als by deze artikelen is voorzien.

Indien voor eenige bepalingen of

onderwyzen

onderworpen, eene verandering of wijziging noodzakelijk mogt blijken te zijn, zoo zal die na onderhandeling, vastgesteld worden.

De bovenstaande artikelen zullen beschouwd worden een deel uit te maken van het bovengenoemd Tractaat tusschen Nederland en Japan, van den 30ste Januarij 1856, en daaraan zal dezelfde kracht worden toegekend, als of zij van woord tot woord, daarin waren opgenomen.

Deze additionele artikelen zullen onderworpen zijn aan de Ratificatie van Zijne Majesteit den keizer van Japan, en van Zijne Majesteit den Koning der Nederlanden, en de akten van ratificatie, in gerigt volgens het bepaalde by artikel 28 van het Tractaat, zullen worden uitgewisseld te Nagasaki, binnen een jaar na dagteekening dezer.

Ter oirkonde waarvan, wij wederzijdsche gevolmagtigden, Midsoeno Sokoegono kami Keken Gouverneur en Gouverneur van Nagasaki, Itrawo Iwamino kami, Gouverneur van Nagasaki, Iwasay Igano kami, keizerlijke opzieners en Meester Jan Hendrik Donker Curtius, Nederlandsch Commissaris in Japan, Ridder der orde van den Nederlandschen Leeuw, en van de Russische orde van St. Anna 2de klasse, met de keizerlijke kroon, deze hebben geteekend en onze cachetten daarop gezet.

Gedaan.

Gedaan in duplicaat, in de stad Nagasaki, den 16de October, 1857.

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Tervolg op de additionele artikelen tusschen de Japansche en Nederlandsche Gevolmagtigden gesloten

Artikel Een.

Aangezien de Kompshandel van nu af ophoud en geen koper mag uitgevoerd worden, dan alleen door het Keizerlyke Gouvernement in betaling van eischgoederen, zoo worden de geschenken en de Fassak, bedoeld by Artikel 20 van het tractaat, by dese, afgeschaft.

Artikel Twee.

De bepalingen van Artikel 6. 8. en 24 van het tractaat, worden afgeschaft.

De Nederlandsche schepen, zullen dus in den vervolg, dadelyk voor de stad op de gebruikelyke plaats, ten anker komen.

Ter oirkonde waarvan, wy, wederzydsche Gevolmagtigden Midsoeno Sikoegono Kami Beken Gouverneur en Gouverneur van Nagasaki, Atawo Iwamino Kami Gouverneur van Nagasaki; Iwasay Igano Kami Keizerlyke opzieners en Meester Jan Hendrik Donker Curtius, Nederlandsch Kommissaris in Japan, Ridder der orde van den Nederlandschen leeuw en van de Russische orde van St. Anna 2de klasse, met de Keizerlyke kroon,

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deze hebben geteekend en onze cachetten daarop gesteld.

Gedaan in duplicaat, in de stad Nagasaki, den 16de October, 1857.

Enclosure with despatch No: 25.

Dutch Treaty and Additional Articles.

No: 1.

Nagasaki January 30th 1856

Nagasaki October 16th 1857

Their Majesties, the king of the Netherlands, Prince of Oranje Nassau, Great Duke of Luxemburg etc etc etc, and the Emperor of Great Japan (Dai Nipon), wishing to confirm the old relations, existing between the Inhabitants of both Empires, and deeming the time has arrived, to carry into effect the concessions granted to the Dutch, more in conformity with the contents of the Passport, handed to them, by the Emperor's illustrious Ancestors, have appointed as their respective Plenipotentiaries.

His Majesty the King of the Netherlands, M.r. John Henry Donker Curtius, Knight of the order of the Dutch Lion.

His Majesty the Emperor of Japan, Arawo, Iwamino Cami, Kasamoora Tsusimano Cami, Governors of Nagasaki, Nagai Iwanodsio and Asano Ikakf, Imperial Inspectors, who have agreed on the following

Article one.

The Dutch have complete personal liberty, and may leave Decima accordingly, without any escort, as has heretofore been allowed to them on permission, and under escort, and this may be done, at all times

Article Two.

Article Two.

If a Dutchman should offend any Japanese law, the highest Dutch officer at Desima will be notified of the same, and he shall be punished, through his intervention, by the Dutch Government, according to the Dutch Laws.

Article Three.

If a Dutchman be treated by a Japanese, in an improper manner, the Japanese Authorities will investigate the matter, on the complaint of the Dutch Commissioner in Japan, and such Japanese shall be punished, according to Japanese law.

Article Four.

If one or more other Harbours of the Japanese Empire are, or may be, opened to one or more other Nations, the same privileges, shall immediately be extended to the Dutch.

Article Five.

If an officer or one of the crew of one of His Netherlands Majesty's men of war, or any person, belonging to the Dutch army, should die in Japan, he shall be buried according to the military ceremonies, in use with the Dutch army and navy, as has been done, heretofore.

On such occasions, musketrounds may be fired, within the cemetery, and likewise on board of the Dutch men of war, even with cannon.

Article

Article Six.

Dutch merchantmen resorting to the Harbour of Nagasaki, shall on approaching the coast, hoist besides the National flag, a secret signal flag, as customary. Men of war have no secret signal flag.

Article Seven.

Both flags having been seen from the lookout of the Island of Pevo Sima, the Dutch flag will be hoisted, on the flagstaff of that place, as a sign of recognition, as is customary at present; also for men of war.

Article Eight.

Dutch men of war and merchantmen shall anchor behind Kapenberg, as customary.

Article nine.

As soon as the Governor of Nagasaki shall have perfectly ascertained the nationality of the vessels, having sent for that purpose an Officer of the Guard accompanied by one of the officers of the Dutch Factory at Desima, they may sail, steam or be towed by Japanese boats into the Harbour, as customary, but without giving hostages.

Article Ten.

The boats crew may use the vessel's boats, to communicate with the other Dutch vessels, and the Island of Desima or to go round the Bay for recreation, provided that the sailors of the Dutch merchantmen shall only avail themselves of this permission when a Captain or mate, is on board of the boat or boats. They may of course land no where else, but at the watergate of Desima, and not have any intercourse with

with the crew of Japanese boats. The boats in order to be known, shall carry the Dutch flag.

Article Eleven.

Boats shall land nowhere else, but at the watergate of Desima.

Article Twelve.

The present dwelling and warehouses remain on the old footing. The Dutch factory may however, have the same repaired, or altered at its expense, previous notice of which shall be given to the Governor of Nagasaki, and after the consent of the latter, the materials bought, and the wages for labor, shall be paid for in Kamsang money. The same to apply to the building of new dwellings and warehouses.

Article Thirteen

Dutchmen residing at Desima, have the liberty to go round the Bay in Dutch or Japanese boats, but they shall not land anywhere. They shall be allowed to fish in the Bay, for recreation. These boats shall carry a Dutch flag, in order to be known.

Article Fourteen

The keys of the watergate, are in the exclusive custody of the highest Dutch officer at Desima. Notice of the opening and shutting of this gate, will be given to one of the Japanese officers at Desima, who shall guard, that no Japanese enter Desima through the watergate, without permission.

Article fifteen.

The keys of the landgate are in the custody of the Japanese Officer, on guard there.

Article

Article Sixteen.

Only the crew of Dutch Merchantmen, with the exception of the Commander, are liable to search of person, as customary, on entering Nagasaki, through the landgate of Desima, and returning thence. No search takes place at the watergate, or on board of the Dutch vessels.

Article Seventeen.

Goods shall only be examined on their being imported into Japan from Desima, or exported from Japan to Desima, as customary, and not on their being landed from the vessels at Desima, or sent on board of the vessels from Desima. The strictest measures shall be taken, to guard against smuggling.

Article Eighteen.

When Dutch Merchantmen stay in the Harbour of Nagasaki, a Japanese Guard Officer will be at Desima, during the transaction of business, as is customary.

Article Nineteen.

Trade shall continue to be conducted on the present footing. The keys of the warehouses when containing Dutch goods, are always in the custody of the highest Dutch officer, residing at Desima. No Japanese seals, shall be affixed to the warehouses.

Article Twenty.

All Japanese, who have permission, in conformity with the Japanese laws, shall be allowed, to visit Desima.

Article Twenty one.

In meeting at Nagasaki, the compliments and

and reception, are made by the Japanese, according to the Japanese fashion, and by the Dutch, according to the Dutch fashion.

Article Twenty two.

The Dutch residing at Desima, may forward letters by Chinese junks, and vessels of other Nations, when an opportunity offers.

Article Twenty three.

The Dutch may freely correspond with the Commanders of vessels or of squadrons of foreign Nations, at peace with Japan, staying in the Bay of Nagasaki.

Article Twenty four.

Muster shall only take place, on board of Dutch merchantmen, at their arrival and departure, and not at Desima.

Article Twenty five.

Dutch merchantmen shall remain in possession of their gunpowder, arms and gum.

Article Twenty six.

The customary presents for His Majesty the Emperor, and other great men of the Empire, and the yearly Passak remain on the present footing. No alteration is made in the manner, trade is conducted with the Dutch factory. If afterwards any alteration should be desired on the part of the Japanese or on the part of the Dutch, the same shall be taken into consideration and regulated by the Governor of Nagasaki, and the Dutch Commissioner.

Article Twenty seven.

If anything should require further regulation,

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it shall be taken into careful consideration, by the Governor of Nagasaki and the Dutch Commissioner in Japan, and all provisions that are at present deemed troublesome or unnecessary, by the Dutch or Japanese, shall be abolished, as much as possible.

Article Twenty Eight.

This Treaty to be submitted as well to the ratification of His Majesty, the King of the Netherlands, as to that of His Majesty the Emperor of Japan, and the acts of ratification, signed by high officials of both Parties, duly authorised for that purpose, will be exchanged at Nagasaki; within a period of two years, after the date of the presents: All the provisions of this agreement however, go immediately into effect.

In testimony of which, we John Henry Donker Curtius, Dutch Commissioner in Japan, Knight of the order of the Dutch Lion, and Plenipotentiary Extraordinary of His Majesty the King of the Netherlands and Arawo Iwamino cami, Kawa Mona Tsoosima no cami Governors of Nagasaki, and Nagai Iwanodzio and Asano Hakf Imperial Inspectors at Nagasaki, have hereunto set our hands and seals, with the exception of the first named of the Japanese Plenipotentiaries, who has been prevented to do so, by his departure for Yedo.

Executed in duplicate, in the City of Nagasaki, on the 30th of January of the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty six.

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His Majesty the king of the Netherlands, Prince of Orange Nassau, Great Duke of Luxemburg, etc, etc, etc. has charged and authorised the undersigned, Chevalier Samuel Theodore Gevers van Endegeest Commander of the order of the Dutch Lion, his minister for foreign affairs, and Peter Meyer, Commander of the order of the Dutch Lion, Minister for the Colonies, to declare, as they accordingly hereby do declare, that His Majesty approves of the above mentioned treaty, and ratifies the same, and shall cause it to be faithfully observed, as much as is in his power.

In testimony of which, they have signed and sealed with their private seals this act, after the seal of State had been affixed thereunto.

Executed at the Hague, the 20th of May, in the Year Eighteen hundred and fifty Seven.

(signed) Gevers van Endegeest

(signed) Peter Meyer

Additional Articles agreed upon by the Japanese and Dutch Plenipotentiaries Mizoo no Si koo go no cami Governor of the accounts and Governor of Nagasaki Arawo Iwa mi no cami Governor of Nagasaki, Iwa say Iga no cami Imperial Inspector and John Henry Donker Curtius Dutch commissioner in Japan, to make a part of the Treaty, concluded at Nagasaki, on the 30th of January 1856 between the Netherlands and Japan.

Article One,

Henceforward it shall be allowed to trade in the Harbours of Nagasaki and Hakodate.

Hakodate shall be opened for trade, ten months after the date of the presents.

Article Two,

Tonnage duties calculated at f.0.5 (five maas) or f.0.80 (eighty cents) Dutch Currency (thirty two cents American currency) per Ton, are to be paid, within two days after arrival. Vessels of less than one hundred and fifty Tons, shall pay f.0.1 (one maas) or f.0.16 (Sixteen cents) Dutch Currency (six and 4/10 cents American Currency) per Ton. Men of war shall not pay any

any Tonnage duties, but charges for pilotage and towboats shall be paid by them.

Vessels that have paid tonnage duties at Nagasaki, and leave that port directly for Hakodate shall not be required to pay them again.

For that purpose a receipt for paid tonnage duties shall be added to the Manifest at Nagasaki. This, likewise to apply to vessels leaving Hakodate for Nagasaki.

If a foreign harbour has been resorted to, and new articles are brought, a new Manifest shall be rendered, and Tonnage duties be paid again.

In hiring boats for discharging, loading or towing, coolies shall be employed, that are registered as such. Coolies that cannot produce a certificate of registration shall not be employed.

## Article Three.

Merchantmen not trading, but remaining longer than forty eight hours in port, shall pay Tonnage duties.

Merchantmen entering for repairs, in distress, etc., and not trading or transhipping shall not be required to pay Tonnage duties.

If any cargo, discharged for repairs, should be sold, tonnage duties shall be paid.

## Article Four.

The highest Dutch Officer at Desima, shall within forty eight hours after the

arrival of a Merchantman at Nagasaki, state the name of the vessel and the name of her Commander, and likewise render the manifest and the vessels tonnage, under a penalty for the Commander, as provided for in "Article Twentytwo". The same shall be done at Hakodate, by the Commander, within twenty four hours.

At Nagasaki, they may at once proceed to discharge, during daytime, but at Hakodate after the manifest has been rendered, and in presence of the proper Japanese Officers.

If a place for the examination of goods to be imported or exported, should be erected, it shall be made a matter of negociation at Nagasaki, and the measures to be taken shall be arranged accordingly.

## Article five.

The number of merchantmen is unrestricted.

Trade shall not be restricted to a certain sum of money.

If any goods brought to Japan, should not be purchased by the Japanese, or there be a want of returns, the goods remain unsold.

If the imported goods are bought but there be a want of returns, they shall be paid for in foreign gold and silver coin, if the Treasury is provided with more or less of the same.

Article

Article Six,

A duty of 35 % shall be levied, on the proceeds of all merchandise, sold either at public auction or private sale.

But this duty shall not be levied on goods, ceded to the Treasury.

Import, Export and Transit duties, shall be settled, from time to time by negociation.

Until that time, the present duty shall remain in force.

Article Seven,

After the exhibition of the merchandise, auctions will be held at the Treasury, who receives and keeps the purchase money, unless goods are received in payment from the purchasers.

Should the purchasers at auction, fail to pay the purchase money the Treasury will reimburse the same.

If the purchase money of goods, sold at private sale, should not be paid, the Treasury is not to reimburse the same.

The Dutch Merchants may have such public auctions held, as many times, as they deem proper, and the Merchants admitted thereat, shall not be limited to a certain number.

Article Eight,

If any goods for sale at auction, remain unsold, and are kept at desima for another auction, it shall be done every time, according to the preceding Article.

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They may also be sold at private sale. But all articles bought by the Japanese at private sale, shall be paid for at the Treasury in money.

No direct returns may be made, for them, by the Japanese buyers.

If, through the intervention of the highest Dutch officer at Desima, a list of the goods, sold to the Japanese at private sale, has been rendered to the Treasury, stating the purchase money, these goods shall be delivered to the buyers, on their producing a certificate of payment to the Treasury.

## Article Nine.

Not only the regular purveyors but all merchants shall be allowed to visit Desima, in order to agree about the purchase and sale of goods. A place (exchange or bazar) will be intended for this purpose at Hakodate.

## Article Ten.

If the Japanese merchants have bought goods at private sale, and the same are delivered by the Dutch merchant, before the purchase money has been paid at the Treasury, and difficulties arise, on the disappearance of the goods, or the flight of the buyer; or likewise if difficulties should ensue from contracts for deliveries the matter will be investigated, as much as possible, but the Treasury is not to be held responsible, for the damage.

No complaints about the quality, weight and measure of purchased or sold goods, can be made after their delivery and receipt.

Article

## Article Eleven,

Goods, bought by a Dutchman from the Japanese, are to be paid for by him, in paper money, to be issued by the Treasury,

This paper money will be paid immediately to the Japanese holders, by the Treasury, in Japanese coin. All Decima expenses, charges for towboats, etc. will be paid for in money, in the custody of the Treasury.

## Article Twelve,

The Dutch may likewise pay, in foreign gold and silver coin.

If foreign gold and silver coin, should be desired, on the part of the Japanese, it shall be made a matter of agreement with the Dutch.

But all foreign gold and silver coin, must be delivered to the Treasury only.

The silver Spanish Dollar or pillar Dollar, to be calculated at f. 2.50 (two guilders and fifty cents) (one dollar American currency. The silver Mexican Dollar at f. 2.55 (two guilders fifty five cents (one dollar and two cents American currency).

## Article Thirteen,

Munitions of war, in general, shall be supplied to the Japanese Government and not to the Merchants.

Among the goods, brought for the first time to Japan, should any articles be found, the delivery of which to the Merchants, they wish

wish to prohibit in Japan, it shall be made a matter of official negociation.

## Article Fourteen.

Opium is prohibited to be imported into Japan.

## Article fifteen.

Gold and silver may not be bought by the Dutch. But this is not applicable to gilt or manufactured gold and silver articles.

Japanese coin may not be exported.

If there are any other articles, the exportation of which cannot be granted it shall be made a matter of official negociation, and be decided accordingly.

## Article Sixteen.

Rice, barley, wheat, daits, shoolze, coals, paper mino and paper hangings, books, charts & Copperwork, shall only be supplied by the Treasury.

But this restriction is not applicable to articles, bought for private use, from purveyors or in the city.

Books and charts printed, or written, or sold, without the permission of the Japanese Government may not be exported.

## Article Seventeen.

Copper, sabres, Sarratonisiki (a certain silk stuff) armour, firearms, bows, horse furniture, and other arms may not be supplied by the Japanese Merchants. But when goods are contracted for, to be supplied to the Japanese Government, it may be

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agreed, that they shall be paid for, in part, in the above mentioned goods.

If there are any other prohibited articles the same will be done with them, after official negociation.

## Article Eighteen.

All goods, the Japanese have for sale, are to be supplied at prices agreed upon every time, and not at fixed prices.

If there is a failure of the crop, the Japanese Government may temporarily prohibit the exportation of any article of food.

After experiencing a calamity, the exportation of wax and paper, may be likewise, temporarily prohibited.

## Article Nineteen.

During the presence of merchantmen at Hakodate, all ships papers shall be given into the custody of the Government of that place.

At Nagasaki, they shall be given into the custody of the highest Dutch officer at Desima.

Japanese boats shall be stationed in both harbours near the merchantmen, in order to guard against smuggling.

The number of these boats may be increased or diminished, according to circumstances. Nothing shall be paid by the Dutch, for the same.

Article.

Article Twenty.

As boats for discharging and loading, are hired from private persons, the goods that may be lost therein, shall not be reimbursed by the Treasury. But on the part of the Japanese, the matter will be investigated as much as possible.

Article Twenty One.

If in the arrival of any merchantman, a false manifest be rendered, the highest Dutch officer, will investigate the matter, and subject the Commander to a fine, to the value of 500 (five hundred) Silver Dollars, in favor of the Treasury.

Article Twenty two.

If within twenty four hours after arrival at Hakodate, no manifest is rendered, the Commander shall pay to the Treasury a fine of 50 (fifty) silver dollars, for every day's neglect, but this fine shall in no case exceed 200 (two hundred silver dollars.

If cargo be discharged at Hakodate, before the manifest has been rendered, the discharged goods shall be confiscated, and the Commander shall pay a fine of 500 (five hundred) silver dollars.

Article Twenty three.

Nothing belonging to the cargo shall be transhipped between National or on foreign vessels, lying in the Harbour, before

before permission has been obtained from the Government, and in presence of the proper Japanese Officers.

Cargo, transhipped, without that consent, shall be confiscated to the Treasury.

## Article Twenty Four.

If smuggling should be carried on, in the opened Harbours, the Japanese smugglers shall be punished, according to Japanese law.

The Dutch smuggler shall be subject to the confiscation of the goods, that have been smuggled in or out, and legally seized.

Should smuggling be carried on, along the Japanese coasts, in places, that are not opened for trade, vessel and cargo shall be confiscated. The highest Dutch officer residing in Japan, will after examination raise no objections to this.

## Article Twenty five

No Japanese shall stay on board of a Dutch vessel, without previous notice of the Government. If a Japanese goes on board of a Dutch vessel, out of his own accord, or without consent, he shall be arrested and delivered to the Japanese Officers.

## Article Twenty Six

The highest Dutch Officer at Desima, shall not allow any Dutch merchantman to leave, before the accounts have been settled.

Goods

Goods, bought at Hakodate by the Dutch may not be shipped, before they have been paid for, or goods have been delivered, in exchange for them.

Article Twenty Seven.

Goods, smuggled (at variance with the pass) into or out of the barrage gate of Desima, and legally seized, shall be confiscated.

Article Twenty Eight.

Presents, made by a Dutchman to a Japanese, for his own use, shall only be allowed to pass through the gate, under a pass, to be given by the highest Dutch officer, at Desima.

Article Twenty nine.

At the arrival of vessels of any Nation, that has already made a Treaty with Japan, the Dutch and those of the vessel shall freely communicate together, on board of the vessel, and at Desima.

But they shall wait to do so, until the Officer of the guard has ascertained the vessel's nationality.

Article Thirty.

The Dutch shall not enter any batteries, Government buildings and other places or houses, furnished with a gate, unless invited thereto. Temples, tea or rest houses etc.

etc. are excepted.

The restriction of this article is not to apply to the highest Dutch officer, residing in Japan, when he desires to call on the Government on official business.

## Article Thirty one.

Expenses made in rest-or teahouses and in temples, things bought for private use in the shops and carriage hire, shall be paid for in paper money, to be issued by the Treasury.

## Article Thirty two.

The limits of the walks for Dutchmen at Nagasaki, are indicated on the chart appended hereto.

The limits at Hakodate are settled at five Japanese Miles.

If a Dutchman goes beyond these limits, without the consent of the Government, he shall return on being warned by persons, that are present there. Should such warning be disregarded by him, he shall be seized without regard of person, and be delivered to the highest Dutch officer.

## Article Thirty three.

The Dutch have liberty to exercise their own, or the Christian Religion, within their buildings, and within the burial grounds provided for them.

## Article Thirty four.

Letters sent by the Dutch to the Japanese Government will be delivered by the highest Dutch officer at Desima, to the Governor of Nagasaki, or in his absence to the highest Japanese Officer present, in order to be forwarded by the latter.

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Letters from the Japanese to the Dutch Government, shall be delivered by the Governor of Nagasaki, to the highest Dutch Officer at Desima, to be forwarded by the latter.

Autograph letters from His Majesty the King of the Netherlands, to His Majesty the Emperor of Japan, or from His Majesty the Emperor of Japan to His Majesty the King of the Netherlands, will be delivered in the same manner.

Article Thirty five.

If the Dutch should desire to learn the Japanese language, or other Japanese arts and sciences, the Japanese Government will at the request of the highest Dutch officer at Desima, select teachers for that purpose, and send them, to give instruction, during daytime, at Desima.

Article Thirty six.

If any disputes or disagreements should arise between foreigners, they shall be settled without the intervention of the Japanese Government.

Article Thirty Seven.

If this should be the case between Dutchmen and Japanese, or fights, bloodshed, theft, or arson should take place, the matter shall be investigated by the officers of both Parties, and settled if possible.

And such cases in themselves shall not cause a rupture of the mutual friendship, existing between the two Nations.

Article Thirty Eight.

In the absence of the highest Dutch Officer at Desima, the Dutch Officer next in rank to him, shall manage all matters on the part of the Dutch.

Article

Article Thirty nine

All rights, which may be or are to be granted to other foreign Nations, shall likewise immediately be extended to the Netherlands.

The local regulations shall be observed.

Article Forty.

The provisions of the Treaty not altered herein, and all other provisions, which are not mentioned herein, remain on the present footing.

At Hakodate matters shall be managed nearly in the same manner, as provided for in these articles.

If an alteration or modification of any provisions or matters, should appear to be necessary, it shall be settled after negociation.

The foregoing articles shall be considered as forming a part of the above mentioned Treaty between the Netherlands and Japan of the 30th. of January 1856, and they shall have the same power, as if they were incorporated word for word into the Treaty.

These additional articles shall be submitted to the ratification of His Majesty the Emperor of Japan, and of His Majesty the King of the Netherlands, and the acts of ratification, executed as provided for in Article Twenty eight of the Treaty, will be exchanged at Nagasaki, within a year from the date of the presents.

In testimony of which, we the respective Plenipotentiaries, Mizoguno Sikoo-go no cami Governor of the accounts and Governor of Nagasaki, Arawo Iwa mi no cami Governor of Nagasaki, Iwasay Igano

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cami Imperial Inspector and John Henry Donker Curtius, Dutch Commissioner in Japan, Knight of the order of the Dutch Lion and of the Russian order of St. Anne 2e clas with the Imperial crown have hereunto set our hands and seals:

Executed in duplicate, in the city of Nagasaki, the 16th of October, 1857.

Sequel to the Additional articles concluded between the Japanese and Dutch Plenipotentiaries.

Article One.

As the Kompstrade ceases from now and as Copper may only be exported by the Imperial Government in payment of demands, the presents and the Fassak mentioned in article 26 of the Treaty, are hereby abolished.

Article Two.

The provisions of Articles 6. 8. 9 and 24 of the Treaty are abolished.

Dutch vessels will therefore, for the future anchor at once, off the city, at the customary place. In testimony of which, we the respective Plenipotentiaries Mizoo no Sikoo go

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no cami Governor of the accounts and Governor of Nagasaki., Arawo Iwami no cami Governor of Nagasaki, Iwasay Igano cami Imperial Inspector and John Henry Donker Curtius, Dutch Commissioner in Japan, Knight of the order of the Dutch Lion, and of the Russian order of St. Anne 2d. class, with the Imperial crown have hereunto set our hands and seals

Executed in duplicate in the City of Nagasaki on the 16th of October. 1857.

Enclosure.
with despatch No: 25.

English Translation
of Dutch Treaty and
Additional Articles

No: 2.

Nagasaki January 30/58

Nagasaki October 16th/57.

Additionele Artikelen overeengekomen tusschen den Russischen Vice Admiraal, den graaf Euphemius Pontiatine, Generaal Adjudant van Zyne Majesteit den Keizer aller Russen en hunne Excellentien Midsuno Tsikugono kami Rekan Gouverneur en Gouverneur van Nagasaki, Akawo Iwamino kami Gouverneur van Nagasaki, Iwase Igano kami, keizerlyk Opzienen om een deel uit te maken van het op den 26 January / 7 February 1855, van de Japansche Jaartelling Ansei I, den 21ste dag der twaalfde maand, gesloten Tractaat.

## Artikel 1en.

Om op meer duurzame gronden, den handel en betrekkingen van vriendschap tusschen de Russen en Japanners daar te stellen, zyn de volgende nieuwe bepalingen overeengekomen. Deze bepalingen zullen in de Havens van Hakodate en Nagasaki van kracht zyn. Omtrent de haven van Simoda welke voor de schepen niet veilig genoeg is, is overeengekomen, dat van het ogenblik de bepalingen van het Tractaat van den 26 January / 7 February 1855 van eerste van Ansei, 21 Siuniguat daar alleen van kracht zullen bleyven. De nieuwe bepalingen zullen niet eerder van

van toepassing kunnen wezen, op de haven van Sinoda of op eene andere haven, die dezelve misschien zal vervangen, dan nadat het bepaald zal zijn besloten, dat dezelve of eene andere, die voor den handel gunstiger is, voor de vreemde schepen zal geopend zijn.

## Artikel Twee.

Het getal der handelsschepen is onbeperkt. Geene beperking van den handel tot eene zekere geldsom heeft plaats, en alle handelszaken zullen gedreven worden, op wederzijdsch goedvinden.

## Artikel Drie.

Wanneer een Russisch schip in eene der genoemde havens zal zijn binnengeloopen, zal de gezagvoerder of de Supercarga, zoo mogelijk binnen 24 uren na aankomst, door tusschenkomst van den Consul, of wel by ontstentenis van dien, onmiddelijk aan de plaatselijke authoriteit, eene verklaring of manifest aanbieden, hetwelk zal moeten inhouden, de naam van het schip en van den gezagvoerder of Supercarga, benevens de tonnegrootte en de aard en hoeveelheid der aangebrachte goederen. Hiermede zal in geen geval kunnen verwijld worden, langer dan acht en veertig uren, binnen welken tijd de Gezagvoerder verpligt zal zijn, om de tonnegelden te voldoen, berekend tegen vijf maas

of

of twee en veertig kopieks per Ton, van schepen van meer dan honderd veftigton grootte, en tegen een maas of negen kopieks per ton voor alle andere. Deze tonnegelden zullen eenmaal betaald worden door handelsschepen, die ofschoon geen handel dreyven langer dan twee dagen in eene haven verblijven. Deselve zal niet kunnen worden gevorderd van schepen, die de haven zijn binnen gelopen om herstellingen te doen, mits de lading of een gedeelte daarvan, niet word overgescheept of aan wal gebracht, hetwelk in geen geval zal kunnen bewerkstelligd worden, zonder dat die tonnegelden betaald zijn. Na ontvangst van het bewijs van betaalde tonnegelden, zal de gezagvoerder onmiddelijk met lossen een aanvang kunnen nemen.

Artikel vier

Ingeval het manifest of verklaring door den gezagvoerder niet binnen de acht en veertig uren na aankomst word ingediend, zoo zal de Gezagvoerder eene boete betalen van 66 Roebels 50 kopieks (Zesen zestig Roebels en veftig kopieks) voor iederen dag verzuim, doch zal deze boete in geen geval meer dan 266 Roebels (twee honderd zes en zestig Roebels) beloopen.

Indien door den gezagvoerder een valsch manifest mogt worden ingediend, zoo zal hij eene boete van zes honderd vijf en zestig Roebels betalen.

Indien gelost word voor dat het

manifest

manifest is ingediend, zullen de geloste goederen verbeurd verklaard worden en de Gezagvoerder zal eene boete van Zes honderd vijf en zestig Roebels moeten betalen.

## Artikel Vijf.

Indien in eene der opengestelde havens eenmaal tonnegelden betaald zijn, en de schepen van daar na eenigen tijd, na de andere opengestelde havens vertrekken, behoeven de tonnegelden niet andermaal betaald te worden, wanneer de Gezagvoerder de Kwitantie daarvoor zal hebben vertoond.

Deze bepaling zal geene betrekking hebben op schepen, die tusschentijds eene vreemde haven binnengeloopen zijnde, aldaar eenige nieuwe lading hebben ingenomen.

## Artikel Zes.

Indien men vaartuigen huurt om te lossen of te laden, of te boegseeren, zoo zal men vaartuigen en koelies nemen, die als zoodanig geregistreerd zijn, deze en alle sloepen zullen op aangewezen plaatsen moeten aanlanden.

## Artikel Zeven.

De Russische koopwaren door de Japansche handelaren gekocht en wederkeerig, zullen hun worden geleverd door tusschenkomst der Douanen of geldkamer, deze zal de prijs er voor ontvangen, ten einde dezelve aan de Russische of Japansche kooplieden te doen toekomen

toekomen.

De tusschenkomst der Douanen in den handel, zal zich bepalen tot deze enkele overgave der koopwaren, en van den overeengekomen prijs.

Artikel acht.

Indien de aangevoerde goederen gekocht worden, maar er gebrek aan retouren bestaat, zoo zal die Douane de prijs betalen met vreemde gouden en zilveren munten, nagelang der bepaalde wisselkoers.

Artikel negen.

In afwachting, dat de regten op in en uitvoer, door een tarief zullen zijn bepaald, zal van de opbrengst van alle by openbare veiling, of ook onder de hand verkochte handelswaren, het reeds bestaande regt van 35% (vijfendertig percent) gehreven worden.

Voor onder de hand verkochte goederen zal de opgave van den verkoop aan de Douanen opgegeven worden, door den Russischen Consul of wel door den gezagvoerder van het schip.

Maar deze heffing is niet van toepassing, ten aanzien van de goederen, die aan de Douanen worden afgestaan.

De bezigtiging der koopwaren en de opengestelde verkoopingen zullen kunnen herhaald worden, zoodikwijls de Russische koopman zulks zal goedvinden, zonder dat het getal kooplieden zal

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kunnen worden beperkt.

## Artikel Tien.

Indien de kooplers, die bij de openbare verkoopingen gekocht hebben, in gebreke blijven, de koopsom te betalen, zal die door de geldkamer vergoed worden. Alhoewel de koopsom van onder de hand verkochte goederen niet betaald wordt, wordt die door de Geldkamer niet vergoed. Alle klagten omtrent den verkoop en koop van goederen zullen worden onderzocht door de Russische Consul en de Geldkamer. Eenmaal de koop of verkoop gesloten, zal geen van beide eenige klagten aannemen.

## Artikel Elf.

De prijs der koopwaren, door de Russen gekocht, in de Japansche winkels, zal met papieren geld worden betaald, hetwelk door de geldkamer wordt uitgereikt. Dit papieren geld zal door de Douanen of geldkamer aan de Japansche houders, dadelijk voldaan worden met Japansche munt. Alle onkosten, het loon van boegseervaartuigen, koelies, levensmiddelen, enz. zullen met dit papieren geld ook voldaan worden, maar ingeval die onkosten met Russisch of vreemd geld voldaan worden, zal dat geld aan de geldkamer worden in betaling gegeven.

## Artikel Twaalf.

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Tot vereffening der Rekeningen van Russen met Japanners, zal kunnen betaald worden in Russische en andere vreemde gouden en zilveren munten.

De waarde van die munten zal geregeld worden naar het gewigt en de hoedanigheid van het goud en zilver in vergelyking met de gouden en zilveren Itsebbes, dat is te zeggen, goud tegen goud en zilver tegen zilver, en wanneer die waarde op de voorschreven wyze is bepaald zal voor het vermunten van die vreemde munten zes percent, ten voordeele van het Japansche Gouvernement worden afgetrokken, om de kosten van het vermunten te vergoeden. Men zal ook kunnen betalen met zilveren Japansche matten of pilaarmatten het stuk gerekend tegen de waarde van f 2.50 of een Roebel en dertig Kopieks en met zilveren Mexicaansche matten, het stuk tegen f 2.55 of een roebel en vyf en dertig Kopieks. De gewigten, gantang maat en lengtemaat zullen in tegenwoordigheid van de ambtenaren der beide rykeu worden onderzocht en gekeurd en beschikbaar worden gesteld in de opengestelde havens.

## Artikel Dertien.

Oorlogsbehoeften in het algemeen zullen alleen dan het Japansche Gouvernement, maar niet aan de kooplieden worden geleverd. Indien onder de voorde eerste

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maal aangebragte goederen, zich zoodanig bevinden, die het Japansche Gouvernement wil verbieden, aan den koopman te leveren zullen derelve door de geldkamer worden overgenomen.

Artikel Twaalfde.

Gewijd de Russische Regering het schadelijke van den handel in opium ingezien, deren handel gestrengelijk verbiedt, zoo zal deze wet ook met kracht van toepassing zijn, op Russische schepen, die met Japan handel drijven.

Artikel Dertien

De uitvoer van Japan van goud en zilver zoo gemunt als in staven is verboden, má uitzondering van vergulde of gouden en zilveren voorwerpen.

Koper, labels en toebehooren, damatoniseki (zekere zyden stof) wapenrustingen, vuurwapenen, bogen met toebehooren, paardentuigen en verdere wapentuigen, kunnen alleen door de Japansche Regering worden geleverd, in betaling van door haar geëischte of gekochte goederen.

Artikel Zestien.

Rijst, gerst, tarwe, daitsoe, shoolzoe, steenkolen, papier mino en papier handschoekwerken, kaarten, kopenwerk, zullen alleen door de geldkamer geleverd worden. Maar op voor eigen gebruik van leveranciers of in de stad gekochte artikelen, is deze bepaling niet van toepassing. Boeken en kaarten, die zonder verlof van de Japansche Regering gedrukt of geschreven zijn of verkocht worden, mogen niet worden uitgevoerd. By mislukking van den oogst zal de Japansche Regering tydelijk den uitvoer uit

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eenig voedingsmiddel, was en papier kunnen verbieden.

## Artikel Zeventien.

In de opengestelde havens zullen Japansche vaartuigen naby de koopvaardyschepen geplaatst worden om tegen sluikhandel te waken. Door de Russen wordt daarvoor niets betaald.

## Artikel Achttien.

Ten einde alle sluikhandel voorte komen, zal het scheepsvolk worden gevisiteerd, even als de praauwen, die de koopmansgoederen hetzy van het schip naar de geldkamer of naar de Entrepots, of wel van de geldkamer of van de Entrepots naar het schip overbrengen.

## Artikel Negentien.

De goederen of andere voorwerpen, welke uit de praauwen, welke derelve overbrengen zullen gestolen of verloren zyn, worden niet door de geldkamer vergoed, maar van de Japansche zyde, zal die zaak, zooveel mogelyk onderzocht worden.

## Artikel Twintig.

De overscheping van handelsgoederen, zoo op de Russische als op vreemde schepen, zal alleen plaats hebben, nadat door de Russische Consul of de Gezagvoerder aan het Japansche Gouvernement is opgegeven, de hoeveelheid en den aard der handelsartikelen, die men wenscht overteschepen. Van de Japansche Regering zal daarby tegenwoordig kunnen zyn en haren ambtenaren om het smokkelen tegentegaan. Indien zonder voorkennis van het Japansche Gouvernement overgescheept wordt, zal het daarvan aanden Russischen Consul kennisgeven, en by niet

aanwezen

aanwezen van dien zal het den overscheping beletten. Zonder die toestemming overgescheepte goederen zullen verbeurd verklaard worden.

Artikel een en Twintig.

Indien in eene der opengestelde havens sluikhandel gedreven wordt zal de lading verbeurd verklaard worden. Mogt men sluikhandel dryven in eene der niet opengestelde havens, zoo zal schip en lading worden verbeurd verklaard. Dit zal door den Russischen Consul worden geregeld.

Artikel Twee en Twintig.

Wanneer de gezagvoerder of een van het scheepsvolk een geschenk wil geven aan een Japanner, zal hy hem mede ter hand stellen een bewys van die gift.

Artikel Drie en Twintig.

Gedurende het verblyf der handelsschepen in de opengestelde havens, zullen alle scheepspapieren aan den Russischen Consul of by afwezigheid van dien, aan het Japansche Gouvernement worden in bewaring gegeven. De Russische Consul of wel de plaatselyke autoriteit zal die papieren niet teruggeven zonder dat de afrekening is afgeloopen.

Artikel Vier en Twintig.

Indien Russen de Japansche taal of andere Japansche kunsten wenschen te leeren, zoo zullen op aanzoek van den Russischen Consul of van den gezagvoerder door het Japansche Gouvernement onderwyzers aangewezen en gezonden worden om onderricht te geven.

Artikel Vyfen Twintig

Alle mededeelingen door het Russische

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het Japansche Gouvernement gedaan zal geschieden door middel van den hoogsten Russischen Ambtenaar te Japan aanwezig en zal worden ter hand gesteld aan den Gouverneur van de stad of plaats waar hij zich bevindt. Mogt dergelyke mededeeling worden aangebragt in eene haven, waar zich geen ambtenaar bevindt, zal dit plaats hebben, door hem die dezelve heeft gebragt aan den Gouverneur der stad of plaats van aankomst, welke dezelve onmiddelyk aan haar adres zal verzenden. Het antwoord kan worden gezonden in dezelfde haven waar de mededeeling is ontvangen, indien het vaartuig dat dezelve heeft gebragt op antwoord kan wachten, en zoo niet, zal het antwoord aan den Consul worden gezonden, welke hetzelve zoodra mogelyk naar Rusland zal verzenden.

## Artikel Zesen Twintig.

De regten van neutraliteit, erkend door alle beschaafde Natien, verbinden twee oorlogvoerende landen, om de schepen liggende in de neutrale havens, niet aan te vallen. Daarom spreekt het van zelf, dat Rusland in oorlog zynde met eene Natie, de schepen dier vyandige Natie, die zich in de havens van Japan bevinden, niet zal aanvallen.

## Artikel Zeven en Twintig.

De Russen, tydelyk of vast in Japan verblyfhoudende, hebben het regt om hunne vrouwen en familie mede te brengen.

## Artikel Achten Twintig

Indien in vervolg van tyd, het noodig zal worden gevonden om eenige artikelen in het tractaat te veranderen of andere

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daarbij te voegen, hebben beide Gouvernementen het regt om eene herziening te vorderen.

De ratificatien van deze additionele artikelen, zullen opgemaakt worden acht maanden na ondertekening derzelve, of naar gelang de omstandigheden zulks toelaten. Intusschen zullen afschriften van deze additionele artikelen in Russisch, Japansch, Hollandasche en Chinesche spraken worden uitgewisseld, geteekend en gezegeld, door de partyen, tusschen welke dezelve zyn overeengekomen.

Al de daarin opgenoemde artikelen zullen verpligtend zyn van af den dag der teekening, en zullen vertrouwelyk en ongeschonden door beide Partyen worden gehandhaafd.

Aldus overeengekomen en geteekend te Nagasaki den $\frac{12}{24}$ October 1857 van de christelyke jaartelling, in het derde jaar der regering van Zyne Majesteit den Keizer aller Reussen, Alexander den tweeden, des vierden jaars van Ansei, den 7de dag der 9de maand.

(w.g.) Graaf Euphemius Poutiatine

Voor eensluidend afschriften vertaling
(w.g.) Conseiller honoraire Baron Frederik van der Ostensacken.

Enclosure with dispatch No: 23.

Russian Additional Articles.

No: 3.

Nagasaki October $\frac{12^{th}}{24}$ 1857

Additional Articles agreed upon by the Russian Vice Admiral Count Euphemius Pontiatine, Aayudant General to His Majesty the Emperor of all the Russias, and Their Excellencies Mizoo no Sikoogo no cami Governor of the accounts and Governor of Nagasaki, Mauo Iwamino kami Governor of Nagasaki, Iwasay Iganocami, Imperial Inspector to make a part of the Treaty concluded on the 26 of January / 7 of February 1855. and of the Japanese Era, Ansei 1. the 25. day of the 12. month.

Article one,

In order to establish on more lasting foundations, the commerce and the relations of friendship, between the Russians and Japanese, the following new provisions have been agreed upon. These provisions shall apply to the Harbours of Hakodate and Nagasaki only. As to the Harbour of Sinoda, which offers no sufficient security for vessels, it has been agreed, that the provisions of the Treaty of the 26 of January / 7 of February 1855. the 1. of Ansei, the 25. of Siuniguats, shall for the present remain in force only there. The new provisions shall not apply to the Harbour of Sinoda, or to another Harbour, which may perhaps be substituted for the same, until it has been definitively settled, that this Harbour, or another more favorable to trade, shall be opened to foreign vessels.

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## Article Two.

The number of merchantmen is unrestricted. Trade shall not be restricted to a certain sum of money, and all commercial affairs shall be transacted on mutual consent.

## Article Three.

A Russian vessel, on entering one of the above mentioned Harbours, her Commander or supercargo, shall if possible within 24 hours after arrival, render through the intervention of the Consul, or in his absence, directly to the local authorities, a declaration or manifest, which shall contain the name of the vessel, the name of her commander or supercargo, her tonnage, and the description and quantity of the goods. This shall in no case be delayed longer than forty eight hours, within which time, the Commander shall be obliged to pay the Tonnage duties, calculated at five maas or forty two kopeeks (thirty two cents American Currency) a Ton, for vessels of upward of one hundred and fifty Tons, and at one maas or nine kopeeks (six $\frac{4}{10}$ Cents American Currency) for all other vessels. Merchantmen not trading, but remaining more than two days in harbour, shall pay the same Tonnage duties. Vessels resorting to a Harbour for repairs, shall not be required to pay the same, provided the cargo or part of it, be not transhipped or landed, which in no case shall be effected, without the Tonnage duties being paid

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On the receipt of a certificate of paid Tonnage duties, the commander may at once proceed to discharge.

Article Four.

If the manifest or declaration is not rendered by the commander, within forty eight hours after arrival, the commander shall pay a fine of 66 Roebels 50 Kopecks (Sixty six Roebels and fifty Kopecks) (forty nine dollars and eighty seven cents American currency) for every days neglect, but in no case this fine shall exceed 266 Roebels (Two hundred and Sixty Six Roebels) (One hundred and ninety nine Dollars and fifty cents American currency)

If the commander should render a false manifest, he shall pay a fine of 665 Roebels (Six hundred and Sixty five Roebels) (Four hundred ninety eight dollars and seventy five cents America currency).

Should they proceed to discharge, before the manifest has been rendered, the goods so discharged shall be confiscated, and the Commander shall pay a fine of 665 Roebels (Six hundred and sixty five Roebels) (Four hundred ninety eight dollars and Seventy five cents American currency).

Article Five.

Vessels, on having paid Tonnage duties in one of the opened Harbours, and having after some time for the other opened Harbours, shall not be required to pay tonnage duties again if the commander produces the receipt for the same.

This provision is not to apply to vessels, that, resorting in the meantime to a foreign

Harbour

Harbour, take in any new cargo there.

Article Six.

In hiring boats for the purpose of discharging, loading or towing, boats and coolies shall be taken, that are registered as such. These and all boats shall land at indicated places.

Article Seven.

Russian merchandise bought by Japanese merchants and vice versa, shall be delivered to them, through the intervention of the Custom House or Treasury, who will receive the price for the same, in order to transmit it, to the Russian or Japanese merchants.

The intervention of the Custom House in trade, shall be limited, to this delivery of the merchandise, and of the price agreed upon.

Article Eight.

If the goods brought to Japan are bought, but there is a want of returns, they shall be paid for by the Custom House, in foreign gold and silver coin, according to the settled currency.

Article Nine.

Until the Import and Export duties shall have been settled by a Tariff, the present duty of 35 % (thirty five percent) shall be levied on the proceeds of all merchandise sold at public auction or private sale. As to goods sold at private sale, the Russian Consul or the Commander of the

the vessel shall render a statement of the sale to the Custom-House.

But this taxation is not applicable to goods ceded to the Custom House.

The exhibition of merchandise, and the public sales may be repeated, as many times, as the Russian merchant deems proper, and the number of merchants shall not be limited.

## Article Ten.

If the buyers at public auction fail to pay the purchase money, it shall be paid by the Treasury.

Purchase money of goods sold at private sale, not being paid, the Treasury is not to reimburse the same. All complaints about the purchase and sale of goods, are to be examined by the Russian Consul and the Treasury. They shall not take into consideration, complaints about any purchase or sale, that has once been concluded.

## Article Eleven.

Merchandise bought by the Russians in Japanese shops, shall be paid for in paper money, to be issued by the Treasury. This paper money will be immediately paid by the Custom House or Treasury, in Japanese coin, to the Japanese holders.

All expenses, charges for towboats, coolies, provisions, etc. shall be paid for, in this paper money, but if these expenses are paid for in Russian or foreign money, they shall be given in payment, to the Treasury.

## Article Twelve

In order to settle the accounts of Russians with

with Japanese, Russian and other foreign gold and silver coin may be used. The value of this coin shall be regulated according to the weight and quality of the gold and silver, as Compared to the gold and silver Itsebues, that is to say, gold against gold and silver against Silver, and after the value has been thus ascertained, six per-cent shall be deducted in favor of the Japanese Government, for the re coinage of this foreign coin, and to cover the expenses of melting the same.

Silver Spanish Dollars or Pillar Dollars, calculated at f. 2.50 or one Roebel 33 kopeks a piece (one dollar American currency), and silver Mexican Dollars at f. 2.55 or one roebel 35 kopeks (one dollar and two cents American currency) may also be taken in payment. The weights, gantang and length measures shall be examined and tested, in presence of the Officers of both Nations, and may be had in the opened Ports.

## Article Thirteen

Munitions of war in general shall only be supplied to the Japanese Government, and not to the merchants.

Should among goods brought for the first time, any be found prohibited by the Japanese Government, to be delivered to the merchants, they shall be bought by the Treasury.

Article

## Article Fourteen.

The Russian Government being aware of the injurious effects of the opium trade, strictly prohibits the same. This law is likewise to be applied to Russian vessels trading with Japan.

## Article Fifteen

The exportation from Japan of gold and silver, either coined or in bars, is prohibited, gilt or gold and silver articles excepted.

Copper, sabie, Samatonisiki (a certain silk stuff) armour, fire arms, bows, horse furniture and other arms, are only to be supplied by the Japanese Government, in payment of goods, demanded or purchased by the same.

## Article Sixteen

Rice, barley, wheat, daits, shoozo, coals paper mine and paper hangs, books, charts, copperwork, are only to be supplied by the Treasury, but this provision does not apply to articles bought for private use, from purveyors, or in the city. Books and charts, printed, or written, or sold without the permission of the Japanese Government, shall not be exported. If there is a failure of the crop, the Japanese Government may temporarily prohibit the exportation of any article of food, wax and paper.

## Article Seventeen.

In the opened Harbours, Japanese boats will

will be stationed, near the Merchantmen, to guard against smuggling. Nothing shall be paid by the Russians for their boats.

Article Eighteen.

In order to prevent all smuggling, the crew and boats, transporting merchandise from the vessel to the Treasury, or to the Entrepots, or from the Treasury or Entrepots to the vessel, shall be searched.

Article Nineteen.

Goods or other articles, lost or stolen from the boats conveying the same, shall not be reimbursed by the Treasury; but the Japanese shall examine the matter as much as possible.

Article Twenty.

The transhipment of merchandise on Russian or foreign vessels, shall only take place, after the Russian Consul or the Commander has stated to the Japanese Government, the quantity and description of the merchandise, to be transhipped. An officer of the Japanese Government may be present to prevent smuggling.

If any transhipment takes place, without notice being given to the Japanese Government, the Russian Consul will be informed of the same, and in his absence, such transhipment shall be prevented. Goods transhipped without that consent shall be confiscated.

Article Twenty One.

If smuggling is carried on, in one of the

the opened Ports, the cargo shall be confiscated. If smuggling should be carried on, in one of the Harbours, that are not opened, vessel and cargo shall be confiscated. This will be regulated by the Russian Consul.

Article Twenty Two,

If the Commander or one of the crew, wish to make a present to a Japanese, he shall accompany it with a paper, certifying the same.

Article Twenty three

During the presence of Merchantmen in the opened Harbours, all the ship's papers shall be given, into the custody of the Russian Consul or in his absence, to that of the Japanese Government. The Russian Consul or the local Authorities shall not return these papers, until the accounts have been settled.

Article Twenty Four,

If the Russians desire to learn the Japanese language or other Japanese arts, the Japanese Government will select and send teachers, to give instruction, at the request of the Russian Consul, or the Commander.

Article Twenty Five,

All communications from the Russian to the Japanese Government shall be made through the highest Russian Officer in Japan, and be delivered, to the Governor of the City or place, where he may be. Should such a communication be brought, to a Harbour, where no officer is, the bearer will transmit the same to the Governor of the City

City or place of arrival, who will forward it immediately to its destination. The answer may be sent to the same Port, where the communication has been received, if the vessel that brought it, can wait for an answer, and if not, the answer will be sent to the Consul, who will forward the same to Russia, as soon as possible.

Article Twenty Six.

The rights of neutrality, acknowledged by all civilised Nations, bind two belligerent Powers, not to attack vessels, laying in neutral Ports. Therefore it is evident that Russia at war with a Nation, will not attack the vessels of that hostile Nation, that may lay in the Harbours of Japan.

Article Twenty Seven.

Russians, residing temporarily or permanently in Japan, have the right to take their wives and family with them.

Article Twenty Eight.

Should it be deemed necessary at a future time, to alter some articles of the Treaty, or to add others thereto, both Governments shall have the right, to demand a revision.

The ratifications of these additional articles shall be made, eight months after they have been signed, or as circumstances permit. In the mean while copies of these additional articles will be

be exchanged, signed and sealed, in the Russian, Japanese, Dutch and Chinese languages, by the two contracting Parties. All the articles mentioned therein shall be obligatory from the day of the signing of the presents, and shall be faithfully and inviolably maintained, by both Parties.

Agreed upon and signed at Nagasaki, the $\frac{12^{th}}{24^{th}}$ of October 1857 of the Christian Era, and the third year of the rule of His Majesty, the Emperor of all the Russias, Alexander II, the fourth year of Ansei, the 7th day of the ninth month.

(Signed) Count Euphemius Pontiatine

a true translation, and copy

(Signed) Conseiller Honoraire

Baron Frederick vander Ostensakken.

Enclosure
with despatch N: 25.

English translation of
Russian Additional
articles.

N: 4.

Nagasaki October $\frac{12}{24}$ 1857.

Japan 30. Nov.

No: 26.

United States Consulate General
City of Yedo, December 10th 1857

Sir,

In my despatch No: 13, I communicated to the Department, that after a long and tedious negociation, the Japanese Government had consented to my going to Yedo, for the purpose of delivering the President's letter, and I have now the honor to inform you, that on the 7th instant, the letter was delivered by me, at a public audience of His Majesty the Tycoon of Japan.

In connection with the word Tycoon, I would state, that it is the proper title of the secular Emperor, and literally

To the Honorable Lewis Cass
Secretary of State
Washington

literally means "Great Ruler", the title of Tiogoon, being only used by him, in time of war and means "Generalissimo".

On the 23d of November, I left Simoda, accompanied by Mr. Heusken, and an escort of Japanese officers under command of the Vice Governor of Simoda, forming in all a train of about one hundred and thirty persons. It took us three days to cross the promontory of Idzu, continually ascending and descending by narrow and dangerous pathways, the high and steep mountains, which completely cut off Simoda from the thoroughfare of Nipon, and the more I advanced, the more I was convinced, that the Japanese could not have selected a fitter place than Simoda, to serve their purposes of exclusion.

On the 25th of November we arrived at Misiona, on the To-kay-do, or high road of Japan. The roads were all repaired, and temporary bridges laid, over the rivers, I had to cross.

At the entrance of each town or village

on

on the road, the authorities came out to receive me and preceded me to the end of the place, keeping the street clear of the crowds of people, that lined both sides of the way and filled every window, in order to see us pass. Although the To-key-do is the great thoroughfare of the Empire, and generally crowded with travellers and horses, I did not see more than two or three norimons and a few mail-carriers, the Government keeping every body in the towns and villages, until our train had passed.

On approaching the capital, I could not discover the least marks of luxury or splendor; the houses are of wood, generally two stories high, and covered with tiles, but a pleasing fact is connected with the frugality of this singular People; there is an utter absence of misery, everything presents a neat and tidy appearance, and no beggars in rags or houses crumbling to decay, vouch for the presence of human suffering

I shall abstain from giving

any

any particulars about the country, and the numerous cities and villages we passed, they being exactly the same as Kaempfer described them one hundred and seventy years ago. The only difference was on our side. Instead of being treated little better than prisoners, to pay homage and offer tribute to the Emperor of Japan, I proceded on my journey to Yedo, in the acknowledged character of Representative of the United States.

The 29th of November being Sunday, I remained at Kawasaki, and started early the next morning to enter Yedo. In the Bay of Kanagawa, I saw two sloops of war, built in Japan, and off Sinagawa, the little Steamer, lately presented by the Dutch Government to the Japanese. Sinagawa is protected by five water batteries built on shoals.

From Sinagawa to the house prepared for my reception at Yedo, a distance of nearly seven miles, the streets were lined with an uninterrupted crowd of people, amounting in my estimation to about 400.000 persons.

persons. Among this immense multitude, I could not observe the least evidence of displeasure or of antipathy to Foreigners, all seemed pleased that Yedo had opened its gates to the Americans.

In the best part of the city, and in the third circle of the Imperial castle, a large house was prepared for my reception, where I was received by the Prince of Sinano. I immediately wrote a letter to Hotta Prince of Bitsu, the President of the Council of State, who is also Minister of Foreign Affairs, informing him of my arrival, a copy of which letter, I have the honor to transmit herewith numbered 1. Next No: 1
morning I received a visit from Joke Prince of Tamba, one of the high Nobles of the Empire, who came under the title of "Embajador Extraordinary" from His Majesty the Tycoon, to compliment me on my arrival, and offer me on the part of His Majesty, a present consisting of various sweetmeats. On the 2d of December, I received a reply from the Minister of Foreign Affairs, congratulating

me

me on my arrival, and informing me that His Majesty would receive me on the 7th of December. a copy of the Dutch version of which and an English translation of the same, I transmit
N: 2. herewith numbered 2. On the 3d. N:
I wrote again to the Minister, a copy of which is herewith enclosed, number-
N: 3 ed 3, sending him at the same time a copy of the President's letter. The same day I received an answer, acknowledging receipt of the above and an invitation to call on him, next day, a copy of the Dutch version of which, and an English translation of the same, I transmit herewith
N: 4 numbered 4. I visited the Minister of Foreign affairs on the 4th instant. He received me at the door of his appartment, and treated me with great courtesy. Chairs were placed for us and the Minister, but all the other officers were on their knees. I handed him a copy of the Speech, I intended to make at my audience, and I received in

return

a copy of the reply His Majesty would make to me. It was arranged, that after I had made my speech in English, His Majesty would immediately answer me, in Japanese, without the interference of any Interpreters. After some conversation and after refreshments had been served, I took leave, the Minister reconducting me to the door of his appartment.

On the 7th of December, we left in our norimons for the Imperial Palace. When we arrived at the third ditch of the Castle, the officers of my suite left their norimons, I alone proceeding in mine, up to the gate of the inner Castle. After a short walk, we reached the door of the Palace. Having changed my dirty shoes for clean ones, (which I kept on during the audience), I ascended a few steps, and was received by two high Officers of the Imperial Household. After waiting some time in a reception room, the Prince of Sinano informed me, that His Majesty was ready to receive me.

We

We proceeded to the Hall of audience, a spacious appartment, the ceiling of which is lacquered, and supported by square wooden posts, but here as elsewhere, I observed an utter absence of splendor. The hall was filled with a large number of courtiers, they were dressed in yellow garbs, and their heads were covered with black lacquered caps. Among this throng of the most powerful Princes and Nobles of the Empire, I could not discover any ornaments of precious stones or metals, save a small golden figure, mounted on the hilt of their swords. They were all kneeling and as motionless as statues. On approaching the end of this room, I paped by a partition, which screens the Tycoon from his court. His Majesty was sitting on a kind of throne, raised about three feet from the ground, having on his right hand six Princes of the blood and on his left the five Members of the Council of State. I entered making three bows as I

advanced,

advanced, and remained standing near a little table, in front of the throne, placed there for the purpose of receiving the President's letter. I then addressed the Tycoon, as follows:

"May it please Your Majesty.

"In presenting my letters of credence "from the President of the United States "of America, I am directed to express "to Your Majesty, the sincere wishes "of the President, for your health "and happiness, and for the pros= "perity of your dominions."

"I consider it as a great "honor, that I have been selected to "fill the high and important place "of Plenipotentiary of the United "States at the Court of Your Majesty, "and as my earnest wishes are to "unite the two Countries more closely "in the ties of enduring friendship, my "constant exertions shall be directed to the "attainment of that happy end."

His Majesty made the following reply:

"Pleased with a letter "sent with the Embassador of a far

distant

" distant country, and so likewise with
" his discourse. Intercourse shall
" be continued for ever ".

Mr. Heusken, who had remained at the entrance of this inner apartment, advanced, and handed me, the President's letter, which I delivered to the Minister of Foreign affairs; this ended the audience.

I then proceeded to an adjoining room, to meet the Council of State. Here a present from His Majesty was offered to me, of fifteen silk robes. Having taken leave of the Council of State, the two Officers of the household, who had received me, reconducted me to the door of the palace.

While standing in the presence of the Monarch of Japan, the descendant of a line of Princes, who had used the most cruel means, to expel whatever was Christian from the country, and treated with haughty contempt, the friendly advances of the most powerful Nations of the globe, I could not help thinking with

pride,

pride, that it was my country, that had broken down a system of exclusion unparalleled in history, and had brought this haughty People to acknowledge the Laws of Nations.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Townsend Harris
Consul General.

U.S. Consulate General

Yedo, December 10th/57.

Townsend Harris.

No. 26.

4 Enclosures.

Voiyage to Yedo.
Delivery of President's
letter at a public
audience of the Tycoon

Copy.

United States Legation to Japan.
City of Yedo. November 30th, 1857.

To His Excellency
Hotta Prince of Bitsu
Minister of Foreign Affairs for the Empire
of Japan. &c. &c. &c.

I have the honor in the character of Plenipotentiary and Consul General of the United States of America, for the Empire of Japan, to announce to Your Excellency my arival in this City, and to inform you, that I am the bearer of a friendly letter from the President of the United States, addressed to His Majesty the Tiogoon of Japan.

I have to request Your Excellency, to inform me, when I can have an audience of His Majesty the Tiogoon, for the purpose of delivering the letter, with which I have been charged.

I avail myself of this occasion to convey to Your Excellency, the assurance of my distinguished consideration

/signed/ Townsend Harris.

Enclosure

with despatch No: 26.

Letter to the Minister
of Foreign Affairs.

No: 1.

Yedo. November 30th 1857.

Copy.

Aan Zyne Excellentie Townsent Harris, gevolmagtigde en Consul Generaal van de Verenigde Staten van Amerika. enz. enz. enz.

Ik heb te bekennen den ontvangst van uwen brief van Uwe Excellentie, gedagteekend eergisteren den 14de, my te berigten van uwe aankomst in deze stad, zonder hindernis op de reis, waarin ik u geluk. wensch.

Het is my erkend, dat gy de drager van eenen brief van Zyne Majesteit den President van uw ryk, aan Zyne Majesteit den Taikoen van ons ryk zyt.

Hierby kondig ik U aan om 21e dezer, des morgens ten 9 ure u met den voornelden brief in het kasteel te begeven en het gehoor van Zyne Majesteit den Taikoen te hebben. Met enbied voorstellende

Den 16de dag van de 10de maand van het 4de Jaar Ansei.

(w.g) Hotta Bittsiunokami

(w.g) Moriyama Takitsiro.

English Translation

To His Excellency Townsent Harris,
Plenipotentiary and Consul General
of the United States of America. &. &. &.

I have to acknowledge the receipt
of a letter from Your Excellency, dated the
day before yesterday, the 14th, informing
me of your arrival in this city, without
inconvenience on the voyage, with which
I congratulate you.

It is known to me, that you are
the Bearer of a letter, from His Majesty the
President of your Empire, to His Majesty
the Tycoon of our Empire.

Herewith I announce to you, to
go to the castle on the 21st inst., at 9 o'clock
in the morning, with the above mentioned
letter, and to have the audience of His
Majesty the Tycoon.

Represented with respect.
On the 16th day of the 10th month of the
fourth year Ansei.

(signed) Hotta Bitsuenocami.

for Dutch translation (signed) Moriyama Takitsiro

A true translation

H. W. Heusken

Enclosure

With despatch No: 26.

Dutch version of a Letter from the Ministers of Foreign Affairs - and English translation to the same.

No: 2.

Yedo. December 2d: 1857.

Copy.

United States Legation to Japan
City of Yedo December 3d. 1857.

To His Excellency
Hotta Prince of Bitsu
Minister of Foreign Affairs for the Empire of Japan &c. &c. &c.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of a letter from Your Excellency, dated the 16th. of the 10th. month, informing me, that His Majesty the Tycoon of Japan, will give me an audience on the 21st. day of the 10th. month, corresponding with the 7th. of December 1857.

I transmit herewith a Copy of the letter, from the President of the United States, to His Majesty the Tycoon of Japan, with a Dutch translation of the same.

I shall be pleased to visit your Excellency, as soon as it may be convenient for you to receive me.

Represented with respect.
/signed/ Townsend Harris.

Enclosure

with despatch N: 26.

Letter to the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

N: 3.

Yedo. December 3d. 1857.

Copy.

Aan Zyne Excellentie Townsent Harris,
gevolmagtigde en Consul Generaal
van de Vereenigde Staten van Amerika
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Ik heb te bekennen den ontvangst
van eenen brief van Uwe Excellentie, en
van een afschrift eens briefs van Zyne
Majesteit den President van uw Rijk
aan Zyne Majesteit den Taikoen van
ons Rijk, met eene Hollandsche verta-
ling daarvan.

En het is my aenschelijk, dat
uwe Excellentie morgen den 18de, omg-
veer na den middag ten 1 ure by my
zal komen, ten welker ure, het aan uw
verblijf van de reis, aangekondigd zal
worden. Met erbied voorstellende.

Den 17de dag van de 10de maand
van het vierde jaar Ansei.

(w.g) Hotta Bittsiunokami.
(w.g) Moriyama Takitsiro

English Translation.

To His Excellency Townsent Harris,
Plenipotentiary and Consul General
of the United States of America. &c. &c. &c.

I have to acknowledge receipt
of a letter from Your Excellency, and
of the copy of a letter of His Majesty the
President of your Empire, to His Ma-
jesty the Tycoon of our Empire, with
a Dutch translation of the same.

And it is desirable to me, that
Your Excellency should visit me to
morrow on the 18th, about one o'clock
in the afternoon, at which hour it
shall be announced to you, at your
voyage residence.

Represented with respect.

The 17th day of the 10th month of
the fourth year of Ansei.

(signed) Hotta Bitsunocami
for Dutch translation.

(signed) Moriyama Takatsiro.

A true translation.

H. Heusken

Enclosure

with despatch N: 26.

Dutch version of a letter from the Minister of Foreign Affairs and English translation to the same.

N: 4.

Yedo December 3d, 1857.

Rec'd 30. Nov. No Number

No: 27.

United States Consulate General
City of Yedo, December 31st, 1857.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit herewith a return of the numbers and dates of the despatches addressed to the Department of State, by this Consulate during the year 1857, numbered 1 to No: 1

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Townsend Harris
Consul General.

Return of the numbers and dates of the despatches, addressed to the Department of State, by this Consulate for the Year 1857.

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United States Consulate General.
City of Yedo December 31; 1857.

Enclosure
with dispatch No 27-

Return of numbers
and dates of the dis-
patches sent this year.

No: 1.

Yedo December 31. 1857

Yedo December 31. 1857.

Townsend Harris

N: 27.

1 Enclosure.

Received.

accompanying return of the dates and number of dispatches sent this year.

Desp. 30. Nov. Mr Marshall

N: 1.

United States Consulate General at Simoda
City of Yedo. January 1st, 1858.

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit herewith report of "names of Persons employed at this Consulate numbered 1 N: 1

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Townsend Harris
Consul General.

Yedo December 31. 1857.

Townsend Harris

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1 Enclosure.

Received.

accompanying return of the dates and numbers of dispatches sent this year.

Recd 30. Nov. Mr Marcy

No: 1.

United States Consulate General at Seinoda
City of Yedo. January 1st, 1858.

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit herewith report of "names of Persons employed at this Consulate numbered 1 No: 1

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Townsend Harris
Consul General.

Names of persons employed at the Uni

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| Townsend Harris | New York. | United States |
| H. C. J. Heusken | Amsterdam. | Holland. |

at the United States Consulate General at Simoda

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Townsend Harris
Consul General

U. S. Consulate Japan

City of Yedo Jan.y 1. 1858

Townsend Harris

No. 1.

1 Enclosure

Received.

Accompanying
Report of names of persons
employed at this Consulate.

Rec'd 30. Nov. Ans. Mar. 8

No: 2.

United States Consulate General
City of Yedo, January 1st, 1858.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit my account of disbursements, numbered 1, made under the fund for contingent expenses in Japan for the Quarter ending December 31st, 1857, showing a balance in my hands of $960.11 nine hundred and sixty dollars and eleven cents. No: 1

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully,
Your obedient Servant,

Consul General.

To the Honorable Lewis Cass.
Secretary of State
Washington.

City of Yedo, January 1. 1858.

N: 2.

1 Enclosure

Received.

accompanying account
for contingent Expenses
from the 1st of October to
the 31st of December 1857.

Rec'd 30. Nov. Mr Marcy

№ 3.

United States Consulate General
City of Yedo, January 1st 1858

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit herewith numbered 1. account of payment for an Interpreter for his services from October 1st to December 31st. 1857, showing a balance in my hands to the credit of that fund of $ 250.- two hundred and fifty dollars. № 1

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Townsend Harris
Consul General.

To the Honourable Lewis Cass
Secretary of State
Washington.

U.S. Consulate General

City of Yedo January 1/58.

Townsend Harris

No: 3.

1 Enclosure

Received

Accompanying account for payment of Interpreter from October 1st to December 31st 1857

Rec'd 30. Nov. Ms Marbois.

N: 4.

United States Consulate General
City of Yedo. January 1st, 1858.

Sir,

I have the honor to report, that no vessels arrived in this Consular District, nor departed from it, during the Quarter ending December 31st, 1857.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully.
Your obedient Servant
Townsend Harris
Consul General.

To the Honorable Lewis Cass
Secretary of State.
Washington.

[illegible] U.S. Consulate
City of Yedo. Jan 31. 1858

Townsend Harris.

No: 4.

Received.

About quarterly report
of the arrival and
departure of vessels.

Rec'd Nov. 4th Market.

No: 5.

United States Consulate General
City of Yedo. January 1st, 1858

Sir,

I have the honor to report that no fees have been received, at this Consulate, during the Quarter ending December 31st, 1857.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Townsend Harris
Consul General.

To the Honorable Lewis Cass.
Secretary of State
Washington.

U. S. Consulate General

City of Yedo. Jan 21. 1858.

Townsend Harris.

No: 5.

Received.

About quarterly report of fees.

Rec'd 30. Nov. Mr Marcy

No: 6.

United States Consulate General
City of Yedo, March 4th, 1858.

U. S. Consulate General

Sir,

In my No: 26 of 1857, I had the honor to inform you of my arrival in this City, and that I had delivered the letter of the President of the United States to His Majesty the Tycoon of Japan, at a public audience, on the 7th of December last.

On the 12th of the same month, I had an interview with the Minister of Foreign Affairs, for the purpose of making the communications, so frequently referred to, in my correspondence: The Minister was assisted on this occasion, by eight Commissioners

To the Honorable Lewis Cass
Secretary of State
Washington

Commissioners, who were called Commissioners of my Voyage to Yedo; among the members were Hayashi Daigaku no cami and Udono Nimbosio, two of the Commissioners, who negociated the Treaty with Commodore Perry, the others were of equal or superior rank to them.

I commenced by assuring the Minister of the friendly feelings of the President towards Japan, and that my Government had no wish to acquire any Territory in the East; that unlike any other of the great Western Powers, it did not possess any Colonies, nor did it desire any. I added, that various applications had been made by some of the independant States of South America, to be received into the American Union, but all such overtures had been declined; I also stated, that unlike any other great Power, it had never increased its possessions by conquest, but that every acquisition of Territory, had been made by Treaty, and a valuable consideration, given for every cession.

I stated that the introduction of Steam navigation, had produced great

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changes during the last fifty years; that Nations, which before that time were separated by wide oceans, were now brought within a few days of each other; that commercial intercourse had thereby greatly increased; adding to the National wealth of each Country, and to the happiness of the People; that the chief Western Powers fostered commerce as one of the great sources of National prosperity.

I stated, that the discovery of rich goldmines in California, had led to the rapid population of the West-coast of the United States; that this would probably change the route of commerce between the East-coast of Asia and the Western World; that the completion of a railway, that would unite the Eastern Coast of the United States and California was only a question of time; that when the railway was completed, the shortest road between Europe, the United States and the East Coast of Asia would be by this route. I said, the Japan Islands are in the direct line between the west Coast of the United States and the East Coast of Asia, and

and that a great and constantly increasing intercourse with Japan, would arise thereby.

I said, that Japan would by the operation of these things be compelled to abandon her exclusive policy, and that she might soon become a great and powerful Nation, by simply permitting her People, to exercise their ingenuity and industry; that the resources of Japan, when developed by the action of free trade, would show a vast amount of exchangeable values; that this production would not interfere with the production of the necessary food for the People, but would arise from the employment given to the actual surplus labor of the country; that Commerce offered an easy and unexceptionable mode of raising a revenue; that Japan might in a few years, have a large income derived from moderate duties, which so far from being a burden on the People, would simply arise from their increased prosperity.

I stated, that the Nations of the West would one after another, send large fleets to Japan, to demand the opening of the Country, that even, if war did not ensue,

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still the country would be kept in a constant state of excitement, from the presence of Foreign armaments in their waters.

I stated, that the terms demanded by a Negociator, supported by a fleet, would not be as moderate as those asked by a Person, placed as I was, and to yield to a fleet, what was refused to me, would degrade the Government in the eyes of the People of Japan, and thus actually weaken its power. I illustrated this view, by a reference to the war in China in 1839-41, the events succeeding that war, and the present hostilities between England and China, stating, that the present war would not have occured, had an English Minister been resident in Pekin.

I added, that by negociating with me, unsupported as I was, by any force, the honor of Japan would not be injured; that each point could be deliberately discused and considered, and preparations made, for opening the country gradually.

On the subject of religion, I stated, that the principle of leaving men, free, to follow the dictates of their own

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consciences, was adopted in most of the countries of the West, and that in all cases, it ensured the peace and happiness of the country; that the Portuguese who came to Japan 250 years ago, had three objects apparently in view, that is, trade, conquest and proselytism, that at the present day no Nation desired to propagate its religious faith, by force of arms.

I informed them, that men of every religious creed in the world, could be found in the United States, and that the Temples of Budh, might be seen, standing near the Christian churches.

I said that a Treaty, that would be satisfactory to the President, would no doubt be acceptable, to all the Western Powers, and that, when it was known, that such a Treaty had been made, there would no longer be any object, in sending large fleets to Japan.

I did not fail, to point out the danger to Japan, from the introduction of opium, and its use by the People, in the manner it is used in China. I stated, that the President was opposed

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to that trade, and that I would insert a clause in a Treaty, prohibiting the bringing of it to Japan.

I said, that a Satisfactory Commercial Treaty could be based on three points

1st The residence of a diplomatic Representative at Yedo.

2d Freedom of Trade with the Japanese, without the interference of Government Officers.

3d The opening of additional Harbours.

I closed by saying, that I did not ask any exclusive privileges for the Americans, but rather wished the same terms should be given to all Nations.

I added, that my mision was in every respect a friendly one; that I should use no threats to influence them; that I had frankly informed them of the dangers, that threatened them, and pointed out a way, by which those dangers could be averted, and Japan made a prosperous, powerful, and happy Nation.

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an outline of the various parts of my discourse, which I supported by argument and by reference to existing facts.

My communication was listened to, with deep and intelligent attention, by the Minister, who from time to time, asked various questions, on points, which he did not fully understand.

When I had finished, the Minister thanked me for my communication, and said, it should be laid before the Tycoon, and that it should have that consideration, that it merited, as it was the most important matter ever brought before the Government; he then added, that the Japanese never acted as promptly, on business of importance, as the Americans did, that many Persons had to be consulted, and therefore I must give them sufficient time for proper deliberation.

I replied, that I wished the Government to consider fully, all I had said, and that I should be happy to give them any explanations, they might require.

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The interview lasted a number of hours. I had great difficulty, in communicating my ideas to them on many points, as they were new to them, and they had no words, in which to express those ideas. Added to this, the Japanese Interpreter was ignorant of many of the terms used by Mr. Heusken, in translating my words, so that he had actually to be instructed, by Mr. Heusken, as to the meaning of the Dutch.

From this time, up to the 16th of January, I was frequently occupied, in giving information, to the Japanese on various matters, connected with the laws of Nations, as it regards the right of diplomatic Representatives; the effect of a free commerce, in stimulating the industry of a country; Revenue laws, and the manner of collecting duties, levied on commerce, &c. &c.

On the 16th of January, I had an interview with the Minister of Foreign affairs. He opened the conference by saying, that the information, I had given to him, as well as

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the substance of my frequent conversations with the Princes, had all been submitted to the Ty-coon, and had been very carefully considered by him: That His Majesty desired to thank the President, for his very kind advice, and for the friendship he had thus shown. That His Majesty had determined, that the following answer, should be returned to me, viz:

1st. A Minister to be received at Yedo. The place of his residence and his rights to be settled by negociation.

2d. The right of free trade is granted and details of regulations, to be settled by Commissioners, to be appointed

3d. Three Harbours having already been opened, and as Japan is a small country, the number cannot be increased, but as Simoda is not a suitable Harbour, another shall be given in place of it, but the number cannot be increased.

I told the Minister, I was much concerned, by His Majesty's decision about Harbours; that it was impossible for me, to make a satisfactory Treaty

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under such restrictions, I pointed out to him the West Coast of Japan, bordering on the Japan Sea, showing him, that from Hakodade to Nagasaki, the distance following the coast line was quite 1000 miles, yet in all that line of coast, no Harbour was opened, that many American whale ships were in that Sea, and that it was very important to them, to have a Harbour on that coast. That His Majesty had spoken of the small size of Japan, as a reason for not opening more Harbours, but an examination of the maps of the principal Countries of the world, would show that Japan had a much larger Coast line, than the average of those States. That the idea of any beneficial commerce growing up with only three ports open, was erroneous, that to give vitality to such operations, it was necessary that the Seller and purchaser, should be brought as nearly together as possible. I therefor earnestly recommended, a reconsideration of that part of His Majesty's decision.

The Minister informed me

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that Commissioners would be appointed immediately, and that the negociations would take place, at my residence. I then handed to the Minister a translation of my full Powers, and pointed out to him the necessity of furnishing the Japanese Commissioners, with Powers equally full.

On the 18th. of January I was informed that Ino-ooye Prince of Sinano, and Iwasay Prince of Hego, were appointed Commissioners, to negociate with me. We met on that day, and after exchanging our Full Powers, I handed to the Commissioners the draft of a Treaty, which I had previously prepared, and desired them, to have it translated, and then to take it into consideration.

It was not until the 25th. of January, that I had a second conference with the Commissioners, the intermediate time having been occupied, in translating and considering my draft.

The Commissioners opened the proceedings by accepting the preamble of the Treaty and the first article, so far as to agree to the reception of a Minister

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They wished the Minister to reside at Kanagawa or at Kawasaki, and only come to Yedo, when he had business, nor should the Minister or Consuls travel anywhere in Japan, except on actual business.

The Commissioners then read from a book, which was in substance as follows.

They said, they had carefully considered, the draft of the Treaty, I had given them. The Empire being small, it had been determined, that not more than three Harbours should be opened, that Simoda should be closed, and a large Harbour given in place of it. The opening of any Harbours to Commodore Perry was a great concession, and was made with much difficulty, that thus far American ships had only been furnished with supplies, and not with Japanese goods; that in consequence of the President's letter and the important and friendly communications of the American Plenipotentiary, it had been determined, to open a trade with the Americans, on the same terms, as were contained in

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the Treaties, made with the Dutch and Russians at Nagasaki, in October, 1857 (See my No. 25 of 1857, for copies of these Treaties). They offered Kanagawa in place of Simoda and added, that, when all the Dimios (native hereditary Princes) were satisfied with the effects of trade, another Harbour should be opened, but that trade could only be allowed on the basis of the Dutch and Russian Treaties, above referred to.

I replied by saying, that by the ninth article of the Treaty of Kanagawa, all concessions made to other Powers, were to be enjoyed also by the Americans, and that no Treaty was required to secure them, the free enjoyment of them, that as regarded the Treaties referred to, they contained many very objectionable provisions, while no real freedom of trade was granted, that if I was to sign a similar Treaty, the President would instantly recall me from Japan, in disgrace. I stated, that their proposal to receive a Minister, but not to allow him, to reside at Yedo, was very objectionable, and that it would be

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better for them, to refuse to receive a Minister at all, than endeavour to subject him, to humiliating restrictions, that if a Minister was sent to Japan, he must be received, with all the rights, which attach to his office, by the Laws of Nations.

It would only be a waste of time, to give you a detailed account of the course of the negociations, during the five weeks, that followed our first discussions.

Among the many difficulties, I had to contend with, was, the profound veneration of the Japanese for the wisdom of former ages, and their ignorance in all matters, relating to the negociations, a natural consequence of their system of isolation and exclusion.

They seemed to appreciate the wisdom of the alterations, proposed by me, but still clung with a childish tenacity, to the old laws of the Country, and yielded the most trifling point, with the greatest reluctance. When I urged the adoption of any particular provision, their invariable reply was:

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" We are convinced of the wisdom of your
" proposition, and as it regards ourselves,
" would gladly accept it, but the People
" are very ignorant, and much preju-
" diced against Foreigners. When
" the Americans shall come to reside in
" the opened Harbours, the People will
" become acquainted with, and learn to
" appreciate them, and then Japan
" will gradually open its Harbours, and
" become as free as any Western Nation."

I soon discovered, that the Commissioners would not decide on any point, no matter how trivial, until they had taken time to consider it, as they said, but in reality to communicate it to the Council of State, where the matter was debated and finally decided on, so that I was in fact, negociating with the Government of Japan, itself, the Commissioners merely acting as intermediaries.

The acceptance by the Japanese of any proposition, was far from being conclusive, for after they had given their assent, they would

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on another day gravely take up the matter again, and discuss it at large, so often did this occur, that I was convinced, that nothing could be considered as definitively settled, until the articles were ordered to be engrossed.

The 14th of February was the Japanese New Year, and the festivities that took place, prevented any interviews with the Commissioners, until the 17th of that Month. They began by giving a detailed statement of each day of the negociations up to that time, and then said, that on the 11th of February, the Treaty as it then stood was placed in the hands of the Dirrios, and instantly (as they expressed it), the Castle was in an uproar. Some of the most violent, declared that they would sacrifice their lives, before they would permit such great changes, to be made.

The Commissioners said, the Council of State, had laboured incessantly to enlighten these men, had pointed out to them, not only the policy, but the necessity of making the Treaty, if they would avert the ruin of the Kingdom &c. &c, that they had brought over some, but others

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still remained obstinate; that the Govern-
ment could not sign the Treaty at once,
save at the expense of bloodshed, and
that they were sure, the President did not wish,
to bring any such evils on Japan. &c. &c.
They added, that they wished to delay
the signing of the Treaty, until they could
send an Embassy to the "Spiritual Em-
peror" and get his approval, that altho'
he did not exercise any political power,
yet his opinion was the "voice of Heaven",
and would be implicitly obeyed by all
classes. I asked them, what they
would do, if the Mikado refused his
assent, they replied in a prompt man-
ner, that the Government had determined,
not to receive any objections from the
Mikado.

They said, they were content to
take the Treaty, substantially, as it then
stood, having only some slight verbal al-
terations to suggest, and solemnly pledged
their faith, that the Treaty should be signed,
as soon as the Envoy returned from Kioto,
which should not be later, than the 20th
of April next ensuing. They closed

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by saying, that the Minister of Foreign Affairs, would write me a letter, stating the necessity of delaying the signing of the Treaty, with a pledge on his part, that it should be executed, on or before the expiration of sixty days.

I was much mortified at this occurrence, as I had confidently expected to have the Treaty completed and signed by the first of the present month. I had then to consider, what course I should adopt, whether to break off the negociations at once, and return to Simoda, or to proceed, to the completion of the Treaty, procuring from the Government, a written pledge, that the Treaty should be signed at the period named. After due reflection, I determined to adopt the latter course, believing that the procuring a Commercial Treaty might be advanced thereby, and that it would not under any circumstances, retard the obtaining of such a Treaty.

I subsequently received the promised letter from Hotta Prince of Bitsu, Minister of Foreign Affairs, a copy of the Dutch Version of which, together with an English translation of the same

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No. 1 is transmitted herewith, numbered 1.

The negociations were now resumed and notwithstanding the pledge of the Commissioners, that they would accept the Treaty as it then stood, I had again to discuss every article, de novo, at last the work was completed, and the Treaty is now being engroped.

I do not now refer to any of the provisions of the Treaty, intending to make it the subject of a separate despatch:

Not feeling well, I shall return to Simoda, in two or three days. The Japanese send me down, in their steamer, which they are to send for me, in April next, to bring me again to this place.

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully,
Your obedient Servant
Townsend Harris
Consul General.

U. S. Consulate General
Yedo, March 4th 1858

Townsend Harris.

No. 6.

1 Enclosure

Relative

Conveying negociations at Yedo for "Commercial Treaty".

Copy of Dutch version.

Aan Zijne Excellentie Townsent Harris, gevolmagtigden en Consul Generaal der Verenigde Staten van Amerika, enz. enz. enz.

De onderhandeling tusschen de en de Commissarissen van het Verdrag der Verenigde Staten en van Japan is geëindigd, en dit verdrag is voltooid en in gereedheid gebragt om geteekend te worden. Dan uit eene bijzondere gewigtige oorzaak, word een gezantschap van Zijne Majesteit den Taikoen naar Kioto gedispedieerd, om het ter eerbiedige kennis van Zijne Majesteit den Geestelijken Keizer te offeren, zoo is het verdrag onmogelijk te teekenen, tot terug komst van het Gezantschap, waardoor er de tijd van twee maanden zal verloopen, op of voor welken tijd, het Verdrag zal geteekend worden. Met eerbied voorgesteld.

den 5de. dag van de eerste maand des vijfden Jaars Ansei.

(w.g) Hotta Bittsiu no kami

(w.g) Moriyama Takitsiro.

# English Translation.

To His Excellency Townsent Harris,
Plenipotentiary and Consul General
of the United States of America. &c.&c.

The negociation between you and the Commissioners of the Treaty of the United States and of Japan is ended, and this Treaty is completed and made ready to be signed. But from a very important cause, an Embassy from His Majesty the Tycoon will be sent to Kioto, to present it respectfully to the knowledge of His Majesty the Spiritual Emperor, thus it is impossible to sign the treaty until the return of the Embassy, wherefore a time of two months will be required, on or before which time the treaty shall be signed.

Represented with respect.

The 5th. day of the First month of the Fifth year of Ansei.

(signd) Hotta Bitsee no cami

for Dutch translation (signd) Moriyama Takitsiro.

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H. C. Hall

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with despatch N:o 6

Dutch version and English translation of Letter from Minister of Foreign Affairs.

N:o 1.

Yedo February 18:th 1858

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No 7.

United States Consulate General
Simoda, Japan, April 1, 1858.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit herewith, numbered 1, my account of No: 1 disbursements, made under the fund for Contingent Expenses in Japan, for the Quarter ending March 31st, 1858, showing a Balance in my hands of $960.11 nine hundred and sixty dollars and eleven cents.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully.
Your obedient Servant
Townsend Harris
Consul General.

To the Honorable Lewis Cass.
Secretary of State
Washington.

U. S. Consulate General
Simoda April 1. 1858.

Townsend Harris

No. 7.

1 Enclosure.

Received.

accompanying account
for Contingent Expenses
from the 1st of January
to the 31st of March 1858

Rec'd 30. Nov. Mr Marcoe.

N: 8.

United States Consulate General
Sinoda, Japan, April 1:, 1858.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit herewith, numbered 1, account of payment for an Interpreter, for his services from January 1: to March 31:, 1858, showing a Balance to the Debit of that account of $125.- One hundred and twenty five dollars. N: 1

As the fund for this account is exhausted and overdraion for the above Balance, I beg to call the attention of the Department to my Despatch N: 22. of last year, explanatory of this matter, and asking for instructions, how I am to draw, for the amounts required for the salary of the Interpreter.

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To the Honorable Lewis Cass
Secretary of State
Washington.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Townsend Harris
Consul General.

U. S. Consulate General.

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Townsend Harris

No. 8.

1 Enclosure.

Received.

Accompanying account for payment of Interpreter for 1st Quarter of 1858.

Rec'd 20. Nov: Ult Market.

No. 9

United States Consulate General
Simoda Japan, April 1:, 1858.

Sir,

I have the honor to report, that no vessels arrived in this Consular district, nor departed from it, during the Quarter ending March 31: 1858.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Townsend Harris
Consul General.

To the Honorable Lewis Cass.
Secretary of State
Washington.

U. S. Consulate General

Simoda, April 1. 1858.

Townsend Harris

No. 9.

Received.

About 1st quarterly report of arrival and departure of vessels.

Rec'd 30. Nov. Mr Marcy.

No. 10.

United States Consulate General
Simoda, Japan, April 1, 1858.

Sir,

I have the honor to report, that no Fees have been received at this Consulate, during the Quarter, ending March 31st, 1858.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Townsend Harris
Consul General.

To the Honorable Lewis Cass.
Secretary of State
Washington.

U. S. Consulate General

Simoda, April 1. 1858.

Townsend Harris.

N: 10.

Received.

About 1: quarterly report
of fees.

Rec'd 30. Nov. Mr Marcoe.

No: 11.

United States Consulate General at Singapore.

June 29th, 1858.

Sir,

I have the honor, to transmit herewith my account for fees and salary for the quarter ending December 31: 1856, numbered 1, and to advise you, that I have drawn on the Department in the prescribed manner for $822.55 eight hundred and twenty two dollars and fifty five cents, which draft is supported by the vouchers required by the Regulations. No: 1

The delay of this account arises from the fact, that I am compelled to send my bills to China to be negociated, and the letter of my agents at Shanghae, informing me of the rate, at which my bills were sold.

To the Honorable Lewis Cass.
Secretary of State
Washington.

U. S. Consulate General

sold, only reached me, this present month, having been sent via Hakodade.

I have endeavoured to negociate my bills, through Mr E. E. Rice, United States Commercial Agent at Hakodade and through the Dutch at Nagasaki, but did not succeed in either effort.

I have not as yet received any remittances from my agents, on account of my bills, as they have not had any opportunity of sending to me, direct.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Townsend Harris
Consul General.

U.S. Consulate General
Simoda June 29/58.

Townsend Harris.

No 11.

1 Enclosure.

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accompanying account
for fees and salary for
4th quarter of 1856.

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No: 12.

United States Consulate General at Simoda
June 29th, 1858.

U.S. Consulate General

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit herewith my account for fees and salary for the quarter ending March 31st, 1857, numbered 1, and to advise you, that I have drawn on the Department in the prescribed manner for $806.68 eight hundred and six dollars and sixty eight cents, which draft is supported by the vouchers, required by the Regulations. No: 1

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Townsend Harris
Consul General

To the Honorable Lewis Cass.
Secretary of State
Washington

U. S. Consulate General

Simoda, June 29/58.

Townsend Harris

No 12.

1 Enclosure.

Received.

accompanying account
for fees and salary for
3rd quarter of 1857.

Rec'd 30. Nov. No Number.

No. 13.

United States Consulate General at Simoda
June 29th, 1858.

U. S. Consulate General

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit herewith, numbered 1, my account for fees and salary ending June 30th 1857, and to advise you, that I have drawn on the Department in the prescribed manner for # 823.51 eight hundred and twenty three dollars and fifty one cents, which draft is supported by the vouchers, required by the Regulations. No. 1

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Townsend Harris
Consul General

To the Honorable Lewis Cass.
Secretary of State
Washington

U.S. Consulate General

Simoda, June 29/58.

Townsend Harris.

No: 13.

1 Enclosure.

Received.

Accompanying account
for fees and salary for
2d quarter of 1857.

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No: 14.

United States Consulate General at Simoda.

June 29th, 1858.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit herewith my account for fees and Salary, for the quarter ending September 30th, 1857, numbered 1, and No: 1
to advise You, that I have drawn on the Department, in the prescribed manner for $823.51; eight hundred and twenty three dollars and fifty one cents, which draft is supported by the vouchers, required by the Regulations.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
Townsend Harris
Consul General

To the Honorable Lewis Cass.
Secretary of State
Washington.

No. 2. Consulate General

U. S. Consulate General

Simoda, June 29, 1858.

Townsend Harris,

No. 14

with 1 Enclosure

Received.

accompanying
account for fees and
salary of 3d quarter of 1857.